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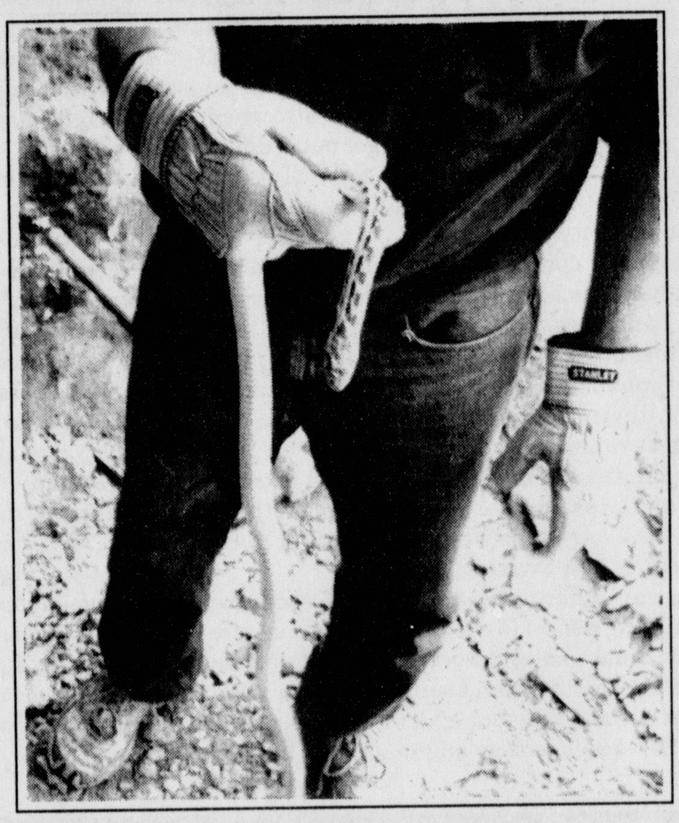
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Snake invasion

By Daryl Fisher
Features Editor



Captive gopher snake -- one of many recently visiting the Clark property in Southport

What is about the last thing West Sacramento homeowners want to find in their house when they wake up in the morning? A good bet would be snakes!

Local artist Ann Bissett-Clark, and her husband, Dave Clark, who live in Southport's Arlington Oaks section of town, have been in the process of adding a second floor to their house and all the construction work seems to have stirred up not only numerous field mice, but also a clan of very hungry snakes who apparently have been feeding on them.

"We've been overrun with mice since the construction started," explained Ann. "We lost count at over 50 killed, so it's been bad. We thought we'd finally gotten rid of the problem until Dave called me out onto the patio to see a huge (over four-foot long) gopher snake apparently looking for more mice to eat. It was brown and yellow with a diamond patten on its back and I was able to see the head and tell that it had round eyes and no pit between the nostril and eye so I knew it wasn't poisonous. So Dave picked it up and took it out back and dropped it in the yard and we thought that was that."

A few days later, however, Dave and Ann's dog, Moose, suddenly began barking as Ann was sitting at her breakfast table and when she looked under it, much to her surprise, there was another huge snake.

"I grabbed Moose and put him in our bedroom," said Ann, "and then I went back into the kitchen just in time to see the snake disappearing under the refrigerator. Fearing I'd have it under there forever, I yanked it out by the tail and then grabbed it just behind the head, but it somehow whipped around and sunk its fangs into my right hand and the bite caused quite a bit of bleeding."

Ann once again released the snake in her backyard and thought the problem was over, but the next morning Moose found yet another snake, and this time it was in Ann's bedroom.

"I turned around just in time to see it slithering from under my chest of drawers into the closet," explained Ann. "When I opened the closet I saw it go back under some stuff but I wasn't about to reach in there. I caught it later when it came out but couldn't quite get over the thought that it had probably been in our house all night long."

Ann has also captured a snake in her clothes hamper and another one under Dave's side of the bed.

"It's a good thing Ann isn't afraid of mice or snakes," said Dave. "Now if they had been cockroaches, that's another story. She would have been screaming at the top of her lungs."

As of last weekend, both the mice and the snakes had apparently returned to wherever they had come from, but Ann did have to go to the hospital to see about her fang bites.

"Boy, you should have seen how upset the nurse was," said Ann. "Now there was someone who fears snakes!"

Pedestrian killed in hit & run on West Capitol Ave.

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A 38-year old man is in custody after a fatal hit-and-run accident early Saturday morning on West Capitol Avenue. The accident occurred at about 1:45 a.m., and left 60-year old Ist Sharma of West Sacramento dead at the scene.

"A subject was driving a 1995 Ford Aerostar van westbound in the number-one lane of West Capitol Avenue near Walnut Street," said Officer Walt Abel of the West Sacramento Police Department, " when he struck a pedestrian crossing in the crosswalk from north to south. He fled the scene without rendering aid."

But a suspect on foot was apprehended shortly afterwards near Halyard Drive and Beacon Boulevard, and was identified by three witnesses to the accident. The man taken into custody is 38-year old Kevin King, said Abel. The suspect vehicle was found nearby.

The witnesses were "actually West Sacramento fire department personnel about 200 feet up the street rendering aid to an assault victim," said Abel.

The pedestrian, Sharma, died at the scene. While emergency personnel attended to the scene, an apparent drunk driver almost ran over the deceased victim, and was also stopped and arrested.

Groundbreaking for first new firehouse in 35 years



WITH SHOVELS: Council member Wes Beers, City Manager Toby Ross, Council member Oscar Villegas, Fire Chief Fred Postel, Mayor pro tem Carolyn Castillo Pierson, Council member Bill Kristoff and Police Chief Dan Drummond

From Art Schroeder
City of West Sacramento

Keeping pace with the growing population in the city's south area, the city of West Sacramento has begun construction of a new fire station near Jefferson and Lake Washington Boulevards. It will become the first fire facility constructed in West Sacramento since 1970. Over 27,000 square feet, the two-story Fire Station 45 will accommodate up to nine firefighters and contain fire administration offices, a police services annex, and a training facility. Construction is expected to be completed by summer 2007.

Fire Station 45 will become the city's fifth fire facility and the latest in a series of fire facility improvements. At 132 15th St., Station 41 is currently being remodeled to provide a 4,000 square foot office and dormitory. In 2005, the city constructed expanded living quarters for firefighters at Station 42, 3585 Jefferson Boulevard off Davis Road.

The improvements are intended to support the city's standards of coverage and enable rapid response times. "It's the goal of firefighters to be on the street within sixty seconds," said West Sacramento Fire Chief Fred Postel.

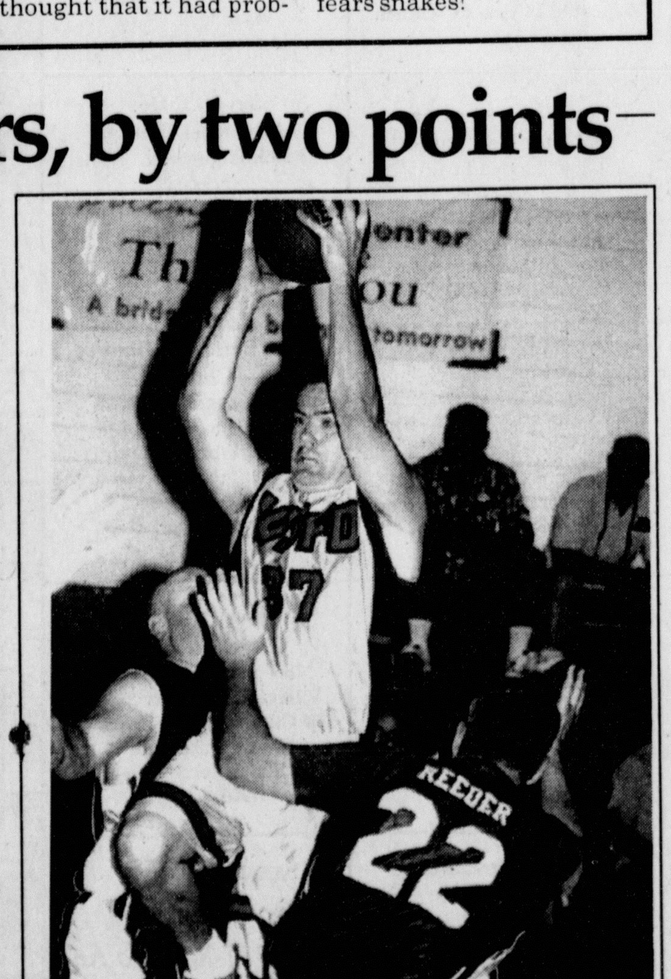
Station 45 is also the first new facility constructed by the city since incorporating in 1987. Since 2000, city population has increased by approximately one-third. As of January 2006, West Sacramento has a population of 43,183, according to the state Department of Finance.

Station 45 will include a four-bay apparatus room to house engines and trucks. It will also be equipped with with three poles to facilitate quick, speedy response by firefighers.

Budgeted at $6.9 million, Station 45 has been designed to be compatible with the appearance of the adjacent Southport Town Center.

Firefighters, by two points–

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor



Firefighter Josh Hurley goes up as policeman Jim Reeder defends (Photo by Barry Blacklaw)

You can call it a rivalry, said Officer Warren Estrada of the West Sacramento Police Department.

Players from the city's police force and fire department squared off on the basketball court last week for the fourth year in a row. The "Slam Jam" game at River City High School raised money for local scholarships.

"We won last year," said policeman Estrada. "But they have now taken three out of four from us. The final score was 38-40 (in favor of the firefighters), with Joe Lugo hitting the winning shot with eight seconds to go."

Around 200 people attended the game, and the event netted about $3,500, he said.

Players from both sides train pretty hard, said Estrada.

"We start about two months in advance with organized practice around twice a week, and the firefighters probably do about the same thing. We have a trophy to pass back and forth – it's an antique hose from the fire department, and we've added two sets of handcuffs on it."

Judge dimisses 'bomb' charges

Charges against a West Sacramento man arrested for allegedly planting a fake bomb near the site of a presidential visit on April 22 were dismissed in Yolo County Superior Court last week.

Arturo Rodriguez Solorio, 38, had been held without bail since his arrest near the site President Bush was visiting as part of Earth Day celebrations. West Sacramento police initially told the News-Ledger and other media that Solorio was seen "placing" a backpack on a Beacon Boulevard median at about while a presidential visit was scheduled to occur nearby at the California Fuel Cell partnership.

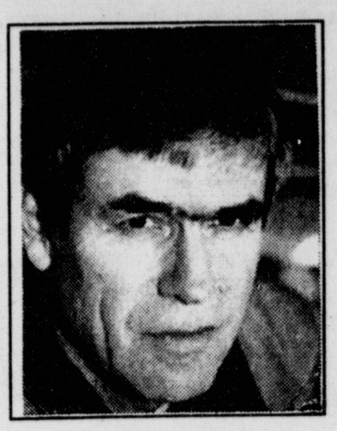
But at the May 9 court hearing in front of Judge James Moelke, police did not make exactly the same claim. An Elk Grove officer assisting local police with crowd control for the presidential visit instead testified that he saw Solorio approach the backpack, kneel next to it, and walk away, said the Woodland Daily Democrat newspaper.

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Real work should make you sweat, smell & cuss

Editor's note: Oops. Parts of the following column, which appeared in the News-Ledger last week, were omitted due to a production error. We regret the mistake and below is the column reprinted in its entirety.

My Back Pages



By Daryl Fisher

I ran across a very interesting article in the business section of the Sacramento Bee a few weeks back entitled, "Teaching kids the ABC's of dealing with money." In it there were a bunch of tips for helping kids become "money savvy", including the following: talk about comparison prices while shopping with your children; take them to the bank with you when you are making an ATM withdrawal; help them set savings goals; teach them how to use a credit card responsibly; teach them about donating to others; and be a good role model by properly managing your own money.

Anyway, all very good tips indeed, but to tell you the truth, I think the first place to start in terms of making your child "financially literate" is to sit him or her down at a very early age and break the bad news -- that in order for them to have money to properly manage someday, they will actually have to do some real work. Now, they will probably be shocked to hear this, but it still has to be said.

First a little history. When I was a young boy of about nine or so, my father decided it was time that I begin getting a little taste of what the real work world was like. And when he announced that he would even give me fifty cents when I was finished with the specific chore he had in mind, I was definitely ready to join the adult work force, cause that kind of money could just about empty an ice cream truck back in those days. Plus the task seemed simple enough. There was all this ugly grass (mixed in with weeds) which grew all along the base of our backyard fence almost the year around and my father absolutely hated it. He was always pouring used car engine oil and other nasty smelling concoctions on it, but that only turned it yellow and seemed to make it grow back with renewed vigor. So my job was simply to take a hand shearer (this was way before the day of weed wackers) and then slowly, methodically, cut all of that unsightly grass back to the base of the fence. I was to do it every Saturday during the spring and summer, and as needed in the fall and winter, which to me meant that the big bucks were definitely going to be rolling in for quite some time.

Upon eagerly clocking in for my first Saturday of real work, I suddenly noticed how big our back yard was. I had never really given that much thought to it before since no one ever went out there except the dog, but upon doing a quick count of the number of fence sections I would have to work on, I came up with the incredible number of 32. Then I soon discovered that to properly finish off one full section took me almost 15 minutes, and that was only if I didn't screw around. So after doing some serious calculating, much to my horror I learned that it was going to take me about eight hours to earn my fifty cents and that every Saturday for the foreseeable future was shot!

As the years went by, oh, how I hated that job! I tried all kinds of potential time saving tricks, but nothing ever seemed to make it go any faster than 15 minutes a section. And when I was finally done with all 32 sections I would have blisters on at least two fingers and knees so sore I could hardly stand up. I also tried every excuse known to man to get out of doing it, but my father would have none of it. He would simply say it was my job now and I was responsible for doing it.

So, since I can remember, real work to me has always meant a job that makes you sweat, smell and cuss. Now that doesn't mean that all those other jobs out there are exactly play, but if you come home from work and you don't smell, then you are most likely doing something between work and play. But when I try to explain this to my kids they think I'm crazy because sweating and smelling is something they have only done while exercising or playing sports, not working.

Anyway, what today's generation seems to be missing out on is the perspective one gets from having done real work, and therefore they often don't understand something as simple as the need to stay out of debt, never dreaming that someday they might actually have to do real work to pay off their credit cards. Now that's not to say that the goal should be to sweat, smell and cuss your life away -- the goal of course is always to move on to bigger, better, more enjoyable jobs -- but I will always be grateful to my dad for insisting that at an early age I experience up close and personal why they call it "hard-earned money."

I was talking about all this with a friend the other day and explaining how I've never been very successful at getting my kids to listen to me when it comes to the lessons I learned way back in the good old days.

"Getting kids to listen to you and do what you want them to do is actually pretty easy nowadays," she explained. "If they don't, you just take away their cell phone."

"But I don't think that's going to get my kids to want to spend some time working at a real job where they'll sweat, smell and cuss," I said.

"Well," she replied, "if you take away their cell phone, I can at least guarantee you that they'll cuss."

And since another Mother's Day just came and went, here are a few thoughts from some very bright second graders on the subject of their mom:

Why did God make mothers? "Mostly to clean the house."

Who's the boss at your house? "My mom. Her room inspections are better. She sees stuff under the bed."

What kind of little girl was your mom? "I don't know because I wasn't there, but probably pretty bossy."

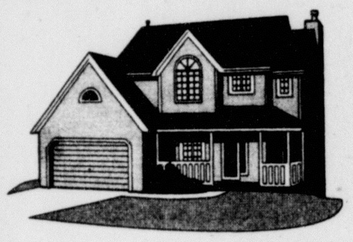
Why did your mom marry your dad? "Because my dad makes the best spaghetti in the world and my mom likes to eat a lot."

What's the difference between moms and dads? "Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them."

What does your mom do in her spare time? "She pays bills all day long."

If you could change one thing about you mom, what would it be? "I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head."

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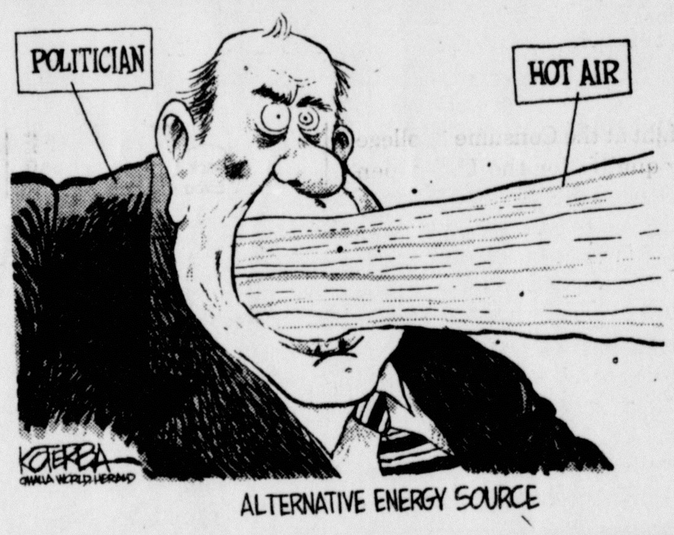
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By Elise McCallan
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The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library has received the following new books:

"A Fool's Gold: A Story of Ancient Spanish Treasure, Two Pounds of Pot, and the Young Lawyer Almost Left Holding the bag" by Bill Merritt.

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Obituaries

Derek Colin Madsen

Derek Madsen was born on November 16, 1994 and passed away on May 11, 2006 after a very courageous 18-month battle with cancer. He



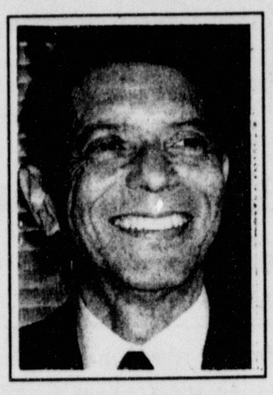
touched people from all walks of life and never stopped believing he was going to get better. He is survived by his loving mother, Cyndie French; brothers, Anthony, Micah and Vincent; sister, Brieanna; grandfather, Patrick; and many close friends, including his "bevy of babes", Kelly, Nicole, Ashley, Emily, Kristen, Amy, and many others. He was known for his love of sherbet pushup pops, and steak and eggs from Nick's Diner -- with lots of Tiger sauce. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Funeral services will be held for Derek at 11 a.m. on May 19, 2006 at the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. A graveside ceremony will follow.

SPORTS

SPORTS INSIDER

By Richard Novoa



By Richard Novoa

It was another interesting week in the world of sports especially with the sad news of Cavaliers starting guard Larry Hughes, whose brother died from complications from his heart transplant. Hughes missed Game 3 against the Detroit Pistons on Saturday following the sudden death of his 20-year-old brother.

Hughes is in St. Louis mourning the loss of his brother, Justin, who died Thursday after a lifelong battle with heart problems. Born with a heart defect, Justin Hughes had a heart transplant in 1997.

Hughes, who left St. Louis College after his first year to turn pro was criticized by the media for not staying in school and was characterized as a greedy young man who was looking for easy money in the NBA. What the media and public didn't know was that he could have signed to play with any major college in the country but he decided to stay close to home in St. Louis to help his mother raise his sick 10-year brother Justin.

Hughes missed another Cavs playoff game to attend this brother's wake, which was scheduled at about the same time the Cavaliers were playing the Pistons in Game 4 of their best-of-seven series. The motivated Cavs led by King James beat Detroit 94-92 to tie the series at 2-2 and now await the return of their friend and hero – Larry Hughes.

Then on the spectrum of the sports world you have an idiot like Michael Cohn who filed suit against the Anaheim Angels for discrimination. Mr. Cohn is suing the major league club because he didn't receive a pink tote bag during the Angeles Mother's day promotion for women. Or how about boxer Mike Tyson, who is seeking a new career as a lead singer with a band, called West Life. In Tyson's own words "That's Ludicrous"!

Kings Korner

The Kings are now searching for a new coach and Knicks coach Larry Brown's name keeps popping up but of course the Kings and Knicks are all denying the rumors. Do you remember when the Kings management denied the trade rumors for C-Webb and Peja?

I think Brown, who is still owed $44 million on his 5-year contract with New York, is a little to old (65) and not in the best health. The Kings should take a serious look at some younger coaches who can relate to and motivate the young millionaires of the NBA.

The NBA playoffs are starting to heat up especially in the Western Conference battle between the Spurs and Mark Cuban's Mavericks. The Mavericks beat the Spurs on Saturday night after reaching the free throw line a record 55 times in one game; it kind of makes you wonder if the Dallas owner had any thing to do with the officiating.

Diamond Notes

The last placed Giants (18-19) are in an early June swoon and trail the red out Padres, who have won 15 out of 18 games, by 4 games. Mr. Bonds is still struggling at the plate chasing Ruth's record. Bonds, who went 1 for 20 something this week, is pressing and stressing big time at the plate but Pedro Feliz is enjoying batting behind the slugger. Feliz has clubbed three home runs batting in Alou's spot, who is out for 4-6 weeks with a badly sprained ankle.

The A's (18-19) have the same record as their cross the bay rival Giants but they only trail the first place Rangers by 2 games. The A's will return home from their losing road trip to host the Mariners during the week but the big games are set for this weekend when the San Francisco Giants tangle with the A's in their best of three "Battle of the Bay" in Oakland.

The River Cats are in town this weekend against Omaha starting on Thursday night (7:30 p.m.). Don't miss the River Gatos fireworks show after the game (10 p.m.) on Saturday night!

Korner Kicks

Don't miss the UEFA Champions League final on Wednesday (11:30 a.m.) between Arsenal and Barcelona, which are probably the two best teams in the world soccer.

On the local level, the Sacramento Knights beat the Chico Rooks 4-1 on Saturday night at the Consumes College to qualify for the U.S. Open Cup in Seattle this weekend. The Knights next home game is Saturday, May 27th at Consumes College. Checkout their web site (www.sactoknights.com) for ticket information.

Between the Ropes

Boxing returns to Feather Falls Casino on Friday, May 19th (6 p.m.) featuring a 12-round championship bout between Eric Regan and Elco Garcia. Also, West Sacramento heavyweight Hector "El Rey" Martinez (4-0, 4 KO's) is scheduled to meet Cornell Davis of Los Angeles in a four-round bout. Watching "El Rey" (the King) box is almost as fun as hitting a casino jackpot!

Enjoy your day – see ya next week!

Strongest athletes on campus

From River City High School

River City High School completed its 2006 Powerlifter of the Year competition last Wednesday in the R.C. gymnasium. Champions included Ally West, Lucy Thao, Pedro Soria and Jose Olmos. The final results were as follows:

Women's Open: (1st place) Ally West, 635 lbs.; (2nd place) Kassandra Godina, 550 lbs.

Men's Open: (1st place) Pedro Soria, 1,140 lbs.; (2nd place) Leonard Castaneda, 1,120 lbs.; (3rd place) Fabian Gomez, 1,105 lbs.

Women's Strength-to-Weight: (1st place) Lucy Thao, 4.291; (2nd place) Helene Mercado, 3.484; (3rd place) Baylee Chavez, 3.468.

Men's Strength-to-Weight: (1st place) Jose Olmos, 6.287; (2nd place) Orlando Camacho, 5.973; (3rd place) Richard McAmoil, 5.919.

RC tennis beats Colfax in round 1

From River City High School

The River City High School tennis team defeated visiting Colfax 3 to 2 in the first round of the Sac-Joaquin Section Division III Team Tennis Championships last week.

The Raiders got on the board early as the mixed doubles duo of Koy Saetern and John Shofner won 6-1,6-4, and the boys doubles pair of Ou Saejao and Kehoua Saechao cruised 6-0,6-2 to give R.C. a 2-0 lead. Jordan Balluch and Yelena Ionova lost their singles matches, but the Raiders' girls doubles team of Vu Tran and Anna Bouttavong won a close 6-4,6-4 contest to clinch the match.

The victory sends River City, now 20 and 3 in 2006, on to the quarterfinals this week at Inderkum in Sacramento. A win will land R.C. in the Section's Final Four tomorrow in Stockton.

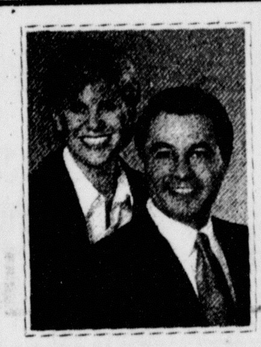
Also last week, Tran and Shofner won three straight matches at the Sac-Joaquin Section Individual Tournament to take home the mixed doubles championship. Tran and Shofner, both seniors, join the 2001 duo of Sokpin Phoung and Sokhear Touch as the only Section mixed doubles champs from River City. However, these current Raiders are no strangers to success at the Section level as Shofner paired with 2005 alum Judd Jadol to take last year's boys doubles crown and Tran joined with current teammate Pa Yang to reach last year's girls doubles semifinals.

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Sports QUIZ

by Chris Richcreek

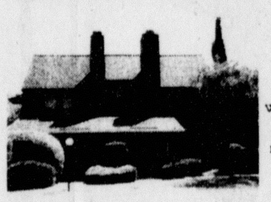
1. Who was the last Cleveland Indian before Grady Sizemore in 2005 to have double-digit totals in doubles, triples and home runs in the same season?
2. How many times did Dwight Gooden record a 20-win season during his career?
3. Three NFL quarterbacks have completed at least 60 percent of their passes for eight consecutive seasons. Name two of them.
4. Only two teams have won consecutive NIT postseason titles in men's basketball. Name them.
5. Name the teams Luc Robitaille played for during his 19-season NHL career.
6. How many consecutive Olympics did Al Oerter win a gold medal in the discus?
7. Who was the first winner of the PGA's The Players Championship?

Answers, page 4

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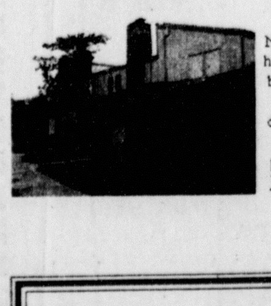
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City government honors its 'employees of the year'

On May 10, the City of West Sacramento held its annual Employee Recognition Ceremony. The Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project Team was selected as the 2006 Team of the Year. The Raley's Landing Entitlement Team was acknowledged with a Special Recognition Award.

Recognized as this year's Employee of the Year was Tyler Orick, Information Technology Specialist. Mr. Orick was selected from a field of eleven employees representing various departments in the City of West Sacramento. Employees were nominated by their department heads for Premier Customer Service; Premier Work Ethic; Premier Contribution and Premier Ambassadorship. Category winners were: Chelsea Grow, Premier Customer Service; Karen Bonnett, Premier Work Ethic; Charline Hamilton, Premier Contribution; and Officer Roger Kinney, Premier Ambassador. Recognized as Premier Employees were Joshua Calista, David Coghlan, Lew Grondin, Deb Nellis, Daryl Patterson, and Ed Unutoa.

Mr. Orick was responsible for the oversight of a major upgrade to the City's financial systems in 2005. On an aggressive timeline, the project required that Mr. Orick manage multiple hardware and software vendors and Finance Department schedules, while still performing his day to day responsibilities in the City's Information Technology Division. Mr. Orick not only brought his technical knowledge and capabilities to the project, but also brought a genuine concern for the success of the project and tenacity to ensure promised commitments were met by all involved.

A Special Recognition Award was presented to the Raley's Landing Entitlement Team. Team members were Jim Bermudez, Associate Planner; Eric Edgar, Fire Division Chief; Aaron Laurel, Program Manager; Maureen Daly Pascoe, Redevelopment Program Manager; Steve Patek, Director of Public Works & Redevelopment; and Val Toppenberg, Director of Redevelopment. This team was recognized for its efforts to negotiate and secure revised entitlements for the expanded Raley's Landing Project. The team was able to facilitate an outstanding new mixed use development project that exemplifies smart growth principles and the plans and desires for the City's waterfront.

The 2006 Team of the Year, the Jefferson Boulevard Widening Project Team, was selected from seven teams nominated by various departments. The team members were Cameron Beebe, Senior Civil Engineer; Claire Connor, Accountant; Jay Davidson, Associate Civil Engineer; Jim Elrod, Utilities Maintenance Superintendent; Tina Gontarski, Director of Housing & Community Development; Peter Hansen, Engineering Assistant III; Leigh Keicher, Director of Finance; Lenard LaChappell, Engineering Construction Manager; Kathleen O'Leary, Real Estate Specialist; Team Leader Caroline Quinn, Assistant Director of Public Works & Community Development; Ray Santiago, Traffic/Transportation Manager; Art Schroeder, Public Information Officer; and Sandra White, Senior Planner. Improving one of the City's most important arterial roadways, the widening of Jefferson Boulevard, was one of the City's highest priority projects. The project was completed on time and within budget.

Other teams nominated were City Wellness Committee Team, Fire Station 45 Design Team, GIS Development Team, Home Improvement Holiday Team, and the IKEA Grand Opening Team.

Jazz Jubilee returns

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

After an absence of several years, jazz notes will again waft above West Sacramento this year. The Sacramento Jazz Jubilee will add two venues inside Raley Field in West Sacramento to its list of venues on the other side of the river, when jazz returns on Memorial Day weekend from May 26-29.

The jubilee's organizers intended to put jazz bands and their fans on West Sacramento's riverfront at the River Walk Park. But unseasonably late rains this year soaked that idea, and planners scrambled to find a replacement and finally landed Raley Field.

"We were going to have two sites on River Walk Park," said Jill Harper of the Sacramento Jazz Jubilee. "Since the water didn't even recede until a few weeks ago, parks officials felt there was no way it would dry out in time and be able to support tent stakes and stuff."

The new venues will be on the concourse at the Raley Field ballpark.

"There will be one at either end," said Harper. "The exciting thing is they will also be opening up their parking (for use by patrons visiting both sides of the river)."

For more information on the jubilee, call 372-5777 or visit www.sacjazz.com.

On the agenda: replacing a mobilehome park, selecting a superintendent

The board of trustees of Washington Unified School District will hold a special meeting today at the district board room, continuing its closed-door discussions related to the hiring of a new superintendent. Candidate interviews have occurred within the past week. The board is scheduled to re-convene back into public session following its talks, at about 6 p.m.

The **bond oversight committee of the Washington Unified School District** will meet at 6 p.m. tonight at district offices (apparently immediately after the school board vacates the premises).

The committee will continue study of the joint uses planned by the district and city for the new high school site and discuss the project's status. The group will also discuss how to replace a committee member.

The **West Sacramento City Council** will meet this evening at 7 p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Agenda items include an impact report related to the potential redevelopment of the Glide In mobile home park; a joint agreement with Sacramento for improvements to the Tower Bridge; repairs and upgrades to the civic center's galleria lighting; a public hearing on Measure K revenues and disbursements; weed abatement; and other items.

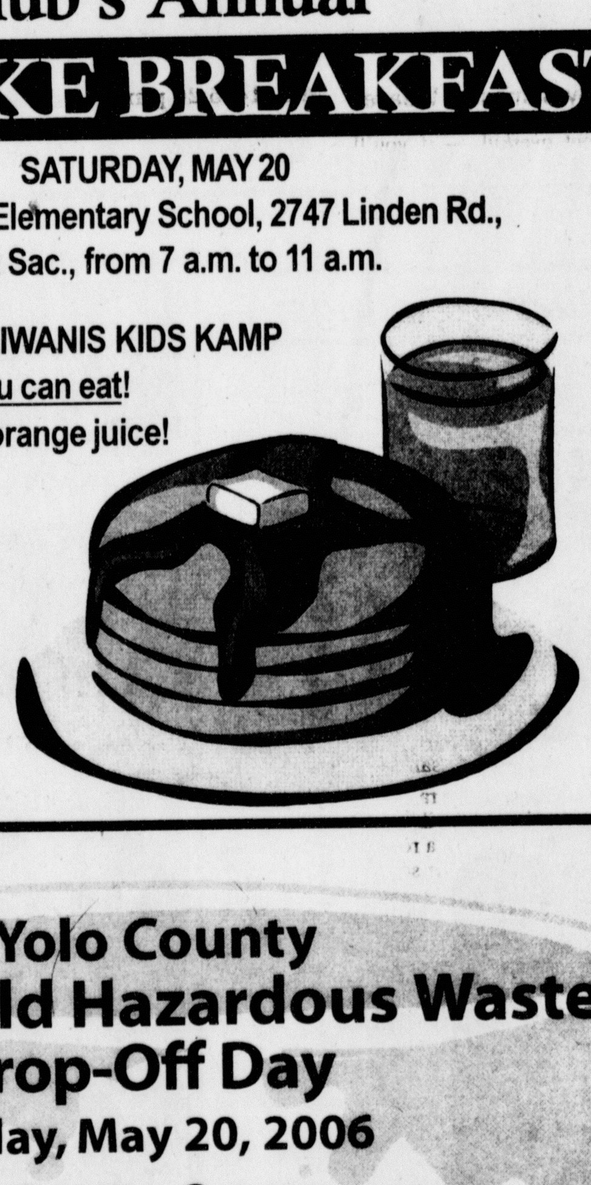
An **unusual joint meeting of all city commissions** is planned for Monday, May 22 at 6 p.m. at the city council chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. The meeting will be hosted by the West Sacramento Agricultural and Natural Resources Commission.

Representatives of the Sacramento Municipal Utilities District are slated to present an overview of the proposal to become the new electricity provider in West Sacramento and other parts of Yolo County. For more information, call 617-4645.

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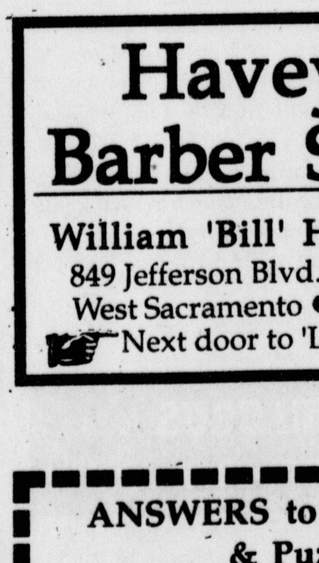
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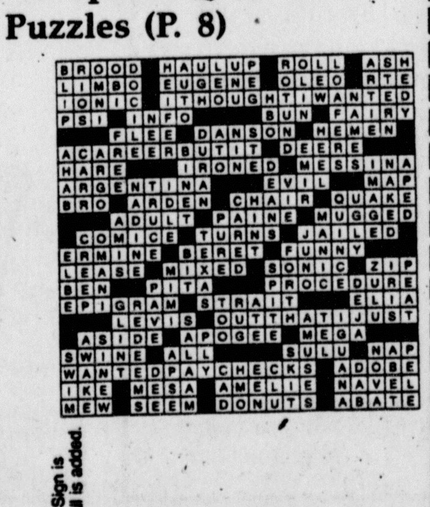
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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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Differences: 1. Jacket is unzipped. 2. Cap is different. 3. Sign is added. 4. Button is removed. 5. Pocket is different. 6. Ball is added.



Answers
1. Roberto Alomar in 2001.
2. Once — he won 24 games in 1985.
3. Brad Johnson, Joe Montana and Steve Young.
4. St. John's in 1943-44 and South Carolina in 2005-06.
5. Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, the New York Rangers and Detroit.
6. Four — 1956-68.
7. Jack Nicklaus, in 1974.

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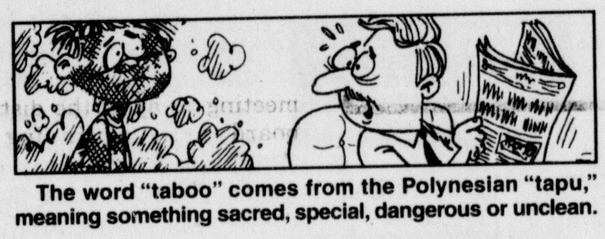
The mother of freed 'hoax bomb' suspect Arturo Solorio Rodriguez, Consuelo, along with Al Rojas of 'Coalition of Justice of Immigrants' at a press conference last week in front of city hall

Photo courtesy of Amanda Ridge

The newspaper also reported that the president of a computer company near the site had served as a defense witness. At the stand, the executive reported that the "hobo bag" of miscellaneous electrical and construction materials had been on the median for several weeks before the presidential visit – and that he had reported the bag to police weeks earlier.

The president's visit was not altered by the bomb scare. The suspicious bag was blasted with a water cannon and its contents were identified as forming a possible "hoax" bomb.

Local activists already involved in a campaign against the city's anti-gang injunction said they feared the arrest – and the searches of several people and a vehicle during the incident – were related to a policy of "profiling" against Hispanics.



The word "taboo" comes from the Polynesian "tapu," meaning something sacred, special, dangerous or unclean.

Police log

May 10, 8:46 a.m.

A West Sacramento shipping company told police it had detained an employee for stealing cell phones.

May 11, 3:31 a.m.

A vehicle was reported stolen on Diablo Street.

May 11, 11:54 a.m.

A burglary reported on southern Jefferson Boulevard.

May 11, 6:14 p.m.

An officer contacted a 25-year old homeless woman "loitering for the purpose of prostitution" on the 1800-block of West Capitol Avenue. The woman appeared to be under the influence of drugs, and was also in violation of probation terms. She was arrested.

May 11, 8:13 p.m.

A vehicle was reported stolen near a business on the Terminal Street.

May 12, 1:51 a.m.

A 1988 Toyota four-wheel drive was reported stolen from Evergreen Circle.

May 12, 8:54 a.m.

A car on Fremont Blvd. was reported burglarized, possibly with a coat hanger. A radar detector and small pocket knife were taken.

May 12, 9:14 a.m.

In central West Sacramento, a woman was hospitalized after threatening to overdose on drugs and kill herself.

May 12, 11:20 a.m.

A 27-year old Sacramento woman was arrested at the 1600-block of West Capitol Avenue after trying to cash a stolen check.

May 12, 11:27 p.m.

An officer contacted a 19-year old man near May and Myrtle streets, which is inside the gang injunction's designated "safety zone." The man was determined to be a gang member in violation of the injunction (apparently violating the curfew). He also possessed a metal rod believed to be a weapon, in violation of a court order.

May 13, 12:08 a.m.

Near Enterprise and West Capitol, a vehicle with three men in it chased another vehicle. The victim being chased reported hearing a couple of gunshots fired from the suspects' car, and seeing a gray handgun displayed. The victim rammed the suspects' car, and was rammed in return. Officers located the suspect vehicle near Parkway and Industrial. The suspects fled on foot and were "Tasered" and caught. The suspects' vehicle had a bullet mark in its roof. The suspects were age 19-20.

May 13, 1:45 a.m.

A 38-year old male transient was arrested for a hit and run accident. An officer had seen him running following the incident, and the suspect vehicle was found nearby.

May 13, 2:00 a.m.

Officers at the scene of a fatal pedestrian/auto accident on West Capitol Avenue near Walnut Street saw a 50-year old Rancho Cordova man drive up to the scene and almost run over the deceased. The driver was stopped and appeared intoxicated. He was booked.

May 13, 10:04 a.m.

Vandalism was reported at an E Street business.

May 13, 11:10 a.m.

An officer responded when a 62-year old male transient refused to vacate a hotel room at the 1500-block of West Capitol. The man was contacted in the parking lot, appeared to be drunk, and was arrested.

May 13, 1:10 p.m.

Police arrested a 20-year old Water Street resident suspected in a stabbing incident that occurred on 6th Street.

May 14, 12:26 a.m.

A Fremont Blvd. home was reported to have been burglarized.

May 14, 7:50 a.m.

A Half Moon Bay Circle house was reported burglarized.

May 14, 5:20 p.m.

A 23-year old Hardy Drive man was arrested for assaulting his girlfriend. A restraining order was already in effect prohibiting him from contacting her.

Top 10 DVD Sales

1. **The Chronicles of Narnia —Full Screen** ..... (PG) (Walt Disney)
2. **The Chronicles of Narnia— Widescreen** ..... (PG) (Walt Disney)
3. **Fun With Dick and Jane** ..... (PG-13) (Sony Pictures)
4. **Chicken Little** ..... (G) (Walt Disney)
5. **King Kong— Widescreen** ..... (PG-13) (Universal)
6. **The Greatest Game Ever Played** ..... (PG) (Walt Disney)
7. **King Kong—Full Screen 2-Disc Edition** ..... (PG-13) (Universal)
8. **Wolf Creek** ..... (NR) (The Weinstein Company)
9. **The Chronicles of Narnia 2-Disc Special Collection** ..... (PG) (Disney)
10. **Brokeback Mountain— Widescreen** ..... (R)

Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• Talk about overkill — if you'll excuse the pun. In May 1996, 39-year-old General Fleming ("General" was his given name, not a rank) decided to "shuffle off this mortal coil" in Akron, Ohio. His suicide note didn't explain why he found life to be so unbearable, but he evidently felt very strongly about the matter and left nothing to chance. Carrying a .38-caliber handgun, Fleming jumped off the balcony of his apartment, which was on the 14th floor. It seems he was carrying the gun because he was afraid the fall might not be enough to kill him; on the way down, he shot himself in the head.

• Finley Peter Dunne was a journalist and humorist — and an apt student of human nature, evidently. He's the one who made the following sage observation: "Trust everybody, but cut the cards."

• If you're average, over the course of your lifetime your mouth will produce about 10,000 gallons of saliva.

• Those who are among the ranks of the "single and searching" will want to take note of the results of a recent survey of those on the dating scene. When asked what they considered to be the worst topics of conversation on a date, 46 percent of respondents cited past relationships. At 21 percent, dieting or body image was the second-ranked conversation killer. Marriage and politics tied for third place, each receiving 15 percent of the vote.

Books

"A Girl Named Zippy"
By Haven Kimmel
(Broadway Books, $12.95)
"She Got Up Off the Couch"
By Haven Kimmel
(Free Press. $24)
Reviewed by Cindy Elavsky

In "A Girl Named Zippy," author Haven Kimmel takes her readers for an enchanting ride into her childhood. Kimmel tells her stories with the youthful zest and exuberance that a child often uses when relating a story to an adult. Her stories read like fiction — like a female Huck Finn growing up in the Midwest in the 1970s.

"Zippy" was Kimmel's childhood nickname; her father called her that because as soon as she could walk, she zipped all over the house. Zippy's childhood was at once normal and not so normal. She did normal childhood things, like playing with her best friend from down the street, camping with her family and riding her bike to the neighborhood drug store for a soda.

Her not-so-normal experiences? A neighbor tried to smother her when she was a child; a neighbor's rabbit chewed off a chunk of her finger without her noticing because she "was hypnotized" by him; and when an eclectic neighbor's house began to reek, officials hauled away the bodies of 67 dead dogs and cats, along with the body of the neighbor.

The second book, "She Got Up Off the Couch," picks up where "Zippy" leaves off. As Zippy gets a little older and her parents' lives become more chaotic, she is neglected. But this doesn't seem to slow Zippy down, or get in the way of her uncommon zest for life.

Haven Kimmel's "Zippy" books are intoxicatingly refreshing. And just like Zippy's summer days, these stories are just packed, and a joy to read.

Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LITERATURE: Which mystery writer created the character called Lord Peter Wimsey?
2. HISTORY: When was the first American "dime novel" published?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Canola is a type of what?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: The Rhodesian Ridgeback is a type of what?
5. SCIENCE: The Ptolemaic System says what?

Answers

1. Dorothy Sayers
2. 1860
3. Oil
4. Dog
5. The Earth is the center of the universe

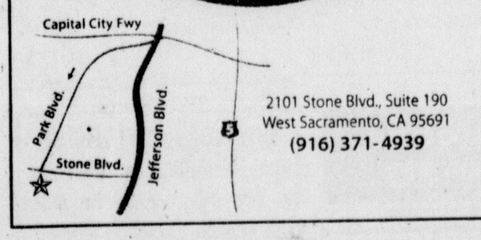
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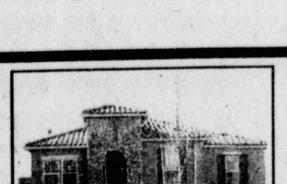
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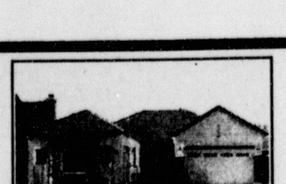
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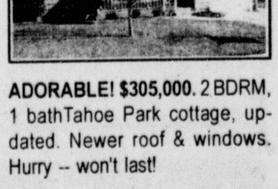
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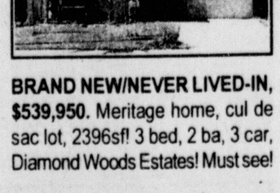
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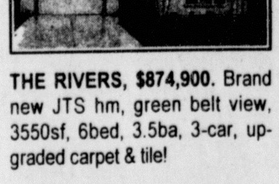
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3608 Tortola Rd: Bridgeway Island Beauty! 2003 Cresligh home, 4 bdrm, 3 bath, stainless appliances, many upgrades, backyard landscaping & patio with trellis. Compare price at $465,000.

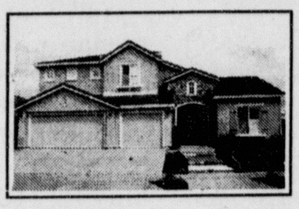
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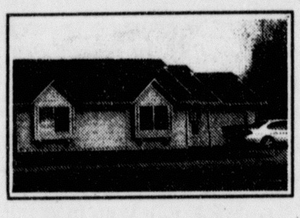


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FROM THE MAILBAG:

Letters to the Editor

SMUD decision should be 'local'

I'm disappointed with the Sacramento Bee for barely making mention in their news report, SMUD clears Yolo hurdle (April 21, 2006), that LAFCo quickly silenced over 1,500 West Sacramento voices demanding in a petition to be heard. LAFCo's decision to not allow a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction vote on the SMUD annexation effectively wiped out the principle of local control. It's ironic that our elected officials are touting the SMUD takeover as providing more local control, yet they refuse to allow the cities of West Sacramento, Woodland and Davis the right to self determination in the matter. Instead, West Sacramento, with a smaller voter base than the other cities, could be at the mercy of public power zealots who openly state they don't care if rates go up.

West Sacramento was incorporated so that we could have local control. We will not stand by as SMUD tries to take that away from us.

RAY E. JONES
West Sacramento

Open letter to WUSD School Board

I have been an elementary teacher in the district for the past 36 years and prior to college, I attended school here from the 1st grade through high school. My children went to school here and I have been an active member of the Washington Teachers Association. I'm speaking to you tonight, however, as a very concerned member of this community.

I have observed these meetings over the past months and I have often gone home feeling both embarrassed and angry. Embarrassed by the pointedly personal jibes made at the expense of Sherianne Cotterell and Mary Leland. If something has occurred with which members of the community disagree, let them state their objectives and give their reasons why. The cheap, personal attacks that have been made at these meetings demean all of us. Does this district have problems. Yes! Do we desperately need a new high school? Yes! Has any of this helped solve the district's problems or brought us any closer to breaking ground on our high school? I think we all know the answers to those questions.

My anger is mainly with myself. As I have listened to Mrs. Langford and several others announce they are speaking for the community, not once have I stood up to object. I do so now. I am a member of this community and these people do not speak for me.

First of all, during the end of the past year and throughout the present school year, I have worked with Ms. Cotterell. During that time she has gone out of her way to listen to teachers' concerns and to support them. I have sat at the negotiations table off and on since I first began teaching, and have never been treated with more respect. Because of this I have to confess that I am ashamed of myself for remaining silent. This dedicated educational administrator deserves our respect.

Finally, I appeal to you, the school board, to roll up your sleeves and get to work. Politics, petty or otherwise, has no place here. We have work to do. Board members need to take some time to drop in to our schools and see what is going on. How can you pretend to understand anything without taking time to observe what goes on? Check things out. Talk to teachers. Talk to parents. Seek them out. Don't just respond to complaints. Quit wasting our money. You hired Ms. Cotterell and gave her a wonderful salary. Why not let her earn it by doing the job for which she was hired? When the position of associate superintendent was created, I expected the person being hired was qualified to act as superintendent -- weren't you? Ms. Cotterell seems to be the one person left in our central administration who knows the workings of the district. Why are we paying for an interim when she could be doing the job? Isn't that what an associate superintendent is?

We need some leadership here. Someone needs to take the bull by the horns and get on with it. Not all of us will be pleased with what you do. Some of us may not be pleased whatever you do. So be it! You were elected to guide this district and to work to see that it improves. Get to work.

KAREN LAUGHLIN
West Sacramento

Thanks for the sanity

I am writing this letter to say thank you to two private citizens of West Sacramento, William E. Williams and Hope Herr, as well as to columnist Daryl Fisher and editor Steve Marschke. I appreciate deeply the sane and reasonable responses printed in the News-Ledger dated May 3, 2006 in response to a letter which appeared in the newspaper the week before, written by a man who apparently considers himself a Christian.

My definition of a Christian is one who is a follower of Christ. One of the things Jesus said to his disciples was that He did not come to the world to condemn the world. On the night before He was crucified, His commandment was "Love one another as I have loved you." How does your name-calling and insults reflect your obedience to that commandment, Mr. Clements?

Thanks again, William and Hope and Daryl and Steve.

LOIS MISFELDT
West Sacramento

Public transit improvements

In a few weeks or months it sounds like YoloBus service will be expanded in West Sacramento and Woodland. West Sac's most significant improvements appear to include expanded service to/from our Southport area and our new Ikea furniture store, removing #41 and #42's service from Hobson Avenue and expanding same to Sacramento Avenue and Anna Street, and no Jefferson Boulevard service between 15th and Stone with those services tentatively rerouted onto Stone and Park Boulevards.

While one goal is safety, another seems to be giving in to NIMBYism, or those who complain of noise, etc., too close to their homes. If we started our city from scratch, could we be 100% gated? But could too much privacy equal too little protection/less access for those who protect us?

So, as we update and streamline YoloBus service in our city let's hope the goal of increased efficiency can include more benches, shelters and shade trees at stops. Routes running weekdays only should have "M-F only" on signs. And with gasoline prices so high, more folks should be turning to pubic transit.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

Freedom is for Christians, too

Memorial Day is rapidly approaching. It's prudent to remember not only those who've fallen in defense of our freedom, but just what that freedom means. Recently, area wide high schools held a coordinated Day of Silence. A learning experience by which students remain silent on campus, expressing their feelings and views on alternative lifestyles by non-verbal means -- as many did. All was well until a silent discordant note was struck by Christian students expressing views at variance with the only ones allowed. They were told to turn the T-shirts inside out, or else face punishment. They were told their views were hateful, et cetera and were disallowed expression on campus, even though they were asked to do so. Those who refused were, in fact, punished. So?

I listened to a 15-year old girl named Nadia on the radio, who, along with her family, came here legally from the Ukraine some two years ago. She related how she and her fellow Christians were treated on campus. She was in tears, unable to understand why in this, the land of freedom, they were being treated so unequally. You see, she actually believes in the ideas that we're supposed to stand for. For in her lifetime her grandmother, who spent 20 years in prison for being a Christian, died in that prison. We have allowed academia and politics to degenerate into the Animal Farm, where "some are more equal than others". We've forgotten what the freedom to freely express unpopular thoughts means: Your freedoms end, with you willingness to suppress mine.

J. BESHARIAN
West Sacramento

The Truth

"What is truth?" Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus Christ. In our "have it your way" and "now" culture of today, it's easy to see why there is no consensus regarding church, congregations, denominations, fringe religions/cults, Jesus Christ, the nature of God, individual rights (abuse of said rights), identity (homosexual vs bisexual vs heterosexual), etc. We have all been reading conflicting views of others in the newspaper editorials recently regarding our very different and individual perspectives of life's choices. Pastor Clements is not a perfect individual but he is a willing servant. He may have his faults, but why do you suppose other people get so worked up over his rhetoric? Is he really self-righteous? Intolerant? A religious bigot? No. His righteousness is not his own and yes, he has a voice also.

Does anybody know what Jesus said at the very beginning of His ministry here on earth? "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Repent -- look the word up in your dictionary. Convicted consciences usually react and speak out against that which is directing light on the issue: sin. In our hearts we really don't want to repent; it does not come naturally to us does it? As I was mulling over my thoughts as to how to convey the point of my address it became clear: every individual's responsibility is to look into the matter and seek the truth. The problem lies in people not taking that responsibility and then cursing those who have

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 26, 2006
File No. 2006-450

The following person is doing business as Erik's Handyman Service, 729 Sunset Ave., West Sacramento CA 95605:

Erik Jorrick, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/27/06.

/s/Erik Jorrick

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 26, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

May 17 24 31 June 7

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 4, 2006
File No. 2006-483

The following person is doing business as 5 Star Commercial Sweeping LLC, 1716 Deerwood St., W. Sacto. CA 95691:

Randall Carasco and Bret Severson, PO Box 980430, W. Sacto CA 95798.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Company.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/2/06.

/s/Randall A. Carasco, President
5 Star Commercial Sweeping LLC

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State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 4, 2006
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

I am an attorney at law retained to collect these debts. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the mobilehome described below will be sold as is at public sale on June 6, 2006 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 59, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by The Estate of Louis I. Tiffany or its Lawful Successors in Interest. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. Westwind Estates reserves its rights to require the removal of the mobilehome upon sale. In the event that the right to require the removal of the unit is not exercised, prospective purchasers who wish to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 which gives the park certain rights of prior approval of its residents. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to this sale. The Mobilehome is described as:

One (1) 1986 Bayshore Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAK2871; Serial Nos.: BHA0399A & BHA0399B; HUD Label/ Insignia Nos.: 338767 & 338768; Length: 64'; Width: 24'.

Westwind Estates' claim for sums unpaid for March 1, 2006 through May 31, 2006, is set forth below and must be paid within 10 days of this notice in order to redeem the mobilehome and stop the sale. The Homeowner's payment of the sums demanded by this Notice will not reinstate the tenancy (and sub-tenancy, if any) under a rental agreement in default and Management reserves the right to proceed to recover possession of the premises through eviction or otherwise according to law.

Rent & Storage $1,504.29; Water $12.35; Trash $52.60; Sewer $61.62; Est. Attorneys Fees and expenses $635.50. Total claim $2,266.36.

NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a credit bid in the amount of the total claim plus $16.08 per day storage fees through the date of sale.

NOTICE TO CONSUMER: The law gives you the thirty (30) days after you receive this Notice to dispute the validity of the debt or any part of if. If you do not dispute it within that period, I will assume the debt is valid. If you do dispute it – by notifying me in writing to that effect – I will, as required by law, obtain and mail to you proof of the debt.

The law does not require me to wait until the end of the 30 day period before proceeding to collect this debt. If, however, you request proof of the debt within the thirty (30) day period that begins with your receipt of this Notice, the law requires me to suspend my efforts (through litigation or otherwise) to collect the debt until I mail the requested information to you.

DATED: May 11, 2006
/s/Michael W. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates

May 17 24



Short height and speeches on behalf of the Democratic party earned President James Polk the nickname "Napoleon of the Stump."

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 14, 2006
File No. 2006-416

The following person is doing business as Springlake Dental, 1837 E. Gibson Rd #D, Woodland CA 95776:

Sonny Lim, 2216 Shady Arbor Way, Sacramento CA 95833.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/14/06.

/s/Sonny Lim, President
Sonny Lim DMD, Inc.

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Date: Apr 14, 2006
by: /Valerie Clinton, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 24, 2006
File No. 2006-442

The following person is doing business as Blankets, 319 Alameda Blvd., West Sac CA 95691:

Shannon LaLonde, same address.

This business is conducted by an Unincorporated Association.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/24/06.

/s/Shannon LaLonde

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Date: Apr 24, 2006
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 4, 2006
File No. 2006-368

The following person is doing business as VCA Westside Animal Hospital, 1550 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento CA 95691; mailing address 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064.

Arroyo PetCare Center, Inc., (CA corp.) 12401 West Olympic Boulevard, Los Angeles CA 90064.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/04.

/s/Tomas W. Fuller

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Date: Apr 4, 2006
by: /s/Sara Pfeifle, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed March 6, 2006
File No. 2006-252

The following person is doing business as Atlas Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Home Loans; Atlas Nationwide Realty, 606 Main Street, Woodland CA 95695.

Everett A. Gavigan, 1351 Tyler Drive, Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/6/2006.

/s/Everett A. Gavigan

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Date: March 6, 2006
by: /s/ , Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 14, 2006
File No. 2006-418

The following person is doing business as Championship Ag, 1990 Hays Lane, Woodland CA 95776; PO Box 691, Davis CA 95617.

Marc Q. Jones, 2718 Rondo Pl., Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/12/06.

/s/Marc Q. Jones

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by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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We rarely think people have good sense unless they agree with us.
—Francois de La Rochefoucauld

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All men dream: but not equally. Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their minds wake in the day to find that it was vanity: but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible.
—T. E. Lawrence

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves

by Dave Phipps



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering







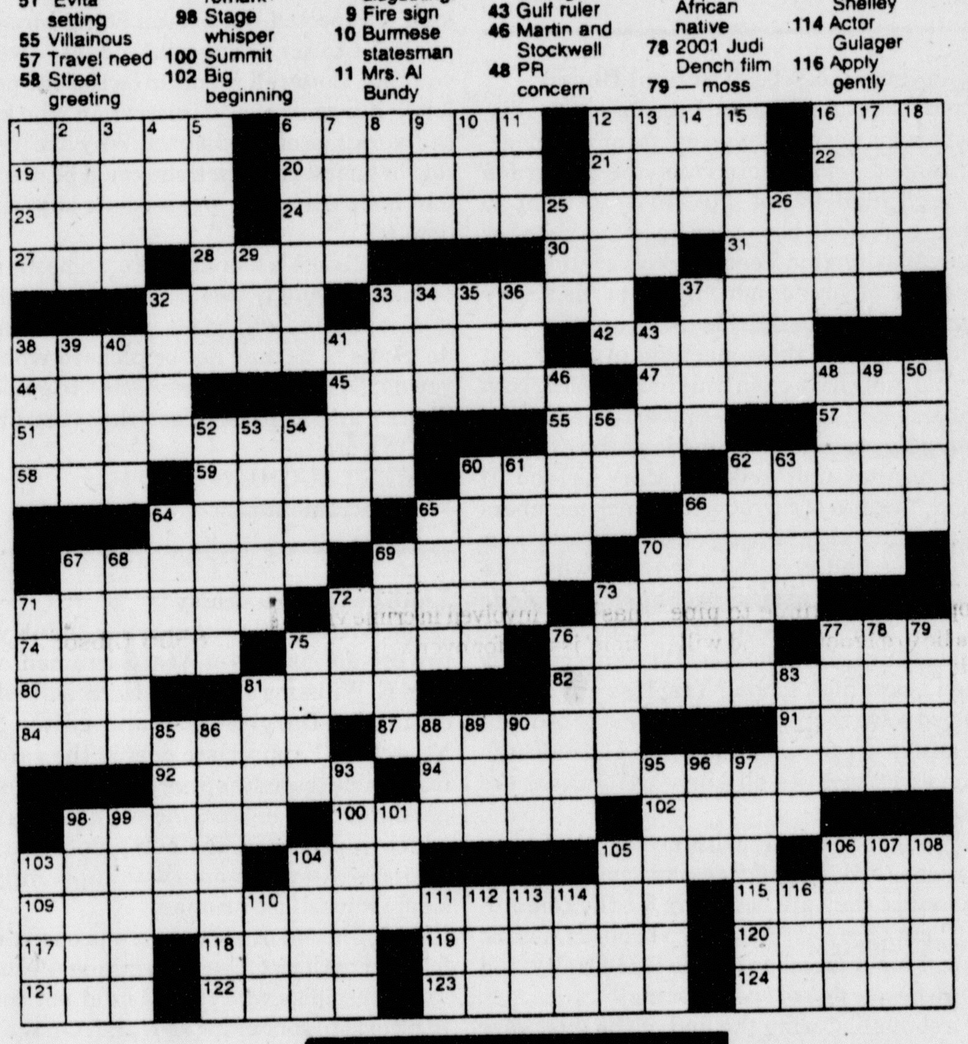


Super Crossword

LOVE'S LABOR LOST

ACROSS
1 Fowl family
6 Drag before a judge
12 Rock's partner
16 Barbecue leftover
19 Bar hop?
20 Tchaikovsky's "— Onegin"
21 Butter sub
22 Hwy.
23 Column style
24 Start of a remark
27 Pressure meas.
28 Skinny
30 Hamburger holder
31 Tinker Bell or Titania
32 Head for the hills
33 Malone's portrayer
37 Strong guys
38 Part 2 of remark
42 Agricultural inventor
44 Rabbit relative
45 Pressed
47 Rock's Loggins & —
51 "Evita" setting
55 Villainous
57 Travel need
58 Street greeting
59 Sylvan setting
60 Run a meeting
62 Tremble
64 Fully grown
65 Revolutionary writer
66 Made a face
67 Juicy pear
69 Part 3 of remark
70 Sent to Sing Sing
71 January stoat
72 Military headgear
73 Comic
74 Rental agreement
75 Like some signals
76 — boom
77 Envelope code
80 Big —
81 Falafel holder
82 Method
84 Bit of wit
87 Narrow passage
91 Literary pseudonym
92 Some jeans
94 Part 4 of remark
98 Stage whisper
100 Summit
102 Big beginning
103 Circe's suitors
104 Alternative to nothing
105 Kirk's navigator
106 Short snooze
109 End of remark
115 Sun-dried brick
117 Likable prez
118 Butte
119 Audrey Tautou role
120 Type of orange
121 Litter sound
122 Appear to be
123 Hole grain food?
124 Calm down

DOWN
1 Radar presence
2 Bravo and Grande
3 Start of everything?
4 Sapporo sash
5 Compliant
6 Farm youngster
7 Car
8 "That's disgusting!"
9 Fire sign
10 Burmese statesman
11 Mrs. Al Bundy
12 Portly
13 Ken or Lena
14 Author Wallace
15 Leisure lovers
16 Comic Auerbach
17 No-nonsense
18 Actress Lamarr
25 Where Sopranos shouldn't sing?
26 They'll never hurt me!
29 Born
32 Liberate
33 Half a rock group
34 From — Z
35 Diarist Anais
36 Canonized Mlle.
37 Pump part
38 Ultimate whale watcher
39 Author John Dickson —
40 Southern constellation
41 French psychologist
43 Gulf ruler
46 Martin and Stockwell
48 PR concern
49 Missing more than mittens
50 Imitated
52 Novelist Gordimer
53 Armistice
54 Keep the pedal off the metal
56 Compete
60 Was concerned
61 Subtle taste
62 Marmalade fruit
63 Unlikely to allure
64 Benoit's buddies
65 Unadulterated
66 Frenzied
67 Inch along
68 Muscat native
69 Mavericks' state
70 Doyenne deity
71 Czech river
72 Got scammed
73 Onward
75 "La Boheme" heroine
76 Ill will
77 South African native
78 2001 Judi Dench film
79 — moss
81 Macadamize
83 — vu
85 Spark in the dark
86 Uses frequent flier miles
88 In addition
89 Carpet
90 Demolished dessert
93 Saudi salutation
95 Inspires a smile
96 — Aviv
97 Exotic pet
98 Cease the z's
99 Tendon
101 Thickness
103 Do laps
104 Chartres part
105 Vaudeville bit
106 Salmon snack
107 Assist a felon
108 Soccer superstar
110 Ruby or Sandra
111 Arch. tool
112 Med. insurer
113 Sundown, to Shelley
114 Actor Gulager
116 Apply gently



Answers to Puzzles Page 4

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging ★★★ HOO BOY!

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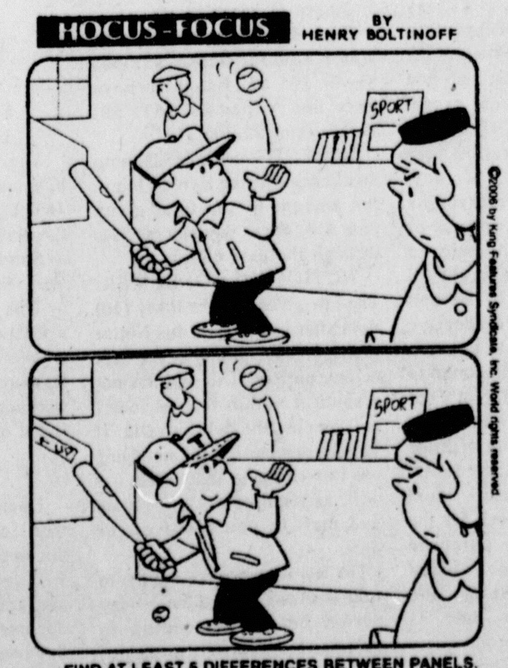
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Anka, Aykroyd, Browning, Candy, Carrey, Dion, Evangelista, Little, Lombardo, M J Fox, Myers, Nielsen, Pickford, Plummer, S Twain

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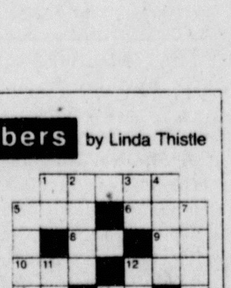
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FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.

Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Consecutive digits in descending order
5. Same digit repeated
6. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
8. 9-Across minus 3-Down
9. Three times 13-Across
10. Three hundred less than 17-Across
12. Digits of 6-Across reversed
13. Same digit repeated
14. Ten less than 13-Across
15. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
17. 5-Across minus 8-Across
19. One-half of 7-Down

DOWN
1. Two more than 16-Down
2. Two times 11-Down
3. 14-Across plus 18-Down
4. Last digits of 19-Across in order
5. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
7. 1-Across minus 5-Down
11. One hundred more than 4-Down
12. Digits of 2-Down reversed
16. Thirty more than 3-Down
18. The first digit is three times the last digit

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DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

LETTERS from p. 7

-- not surprising actually if you really consider what our human nature is all about.

The Holy Bible is compelling reading but most important is God's truth. Bibles are everywhere collecting dust as static displays of religious symbolism, in pockets, but not regularly studied if not read altogether. How is it that people can speak of Christ then condemn the disciple of Christ, or how can someone who says they are a believer then advocate a worldly viewpoint up-and-over a godly or god honoring viewpoint? God is a God of glory! Pride, ego, self-centeredness, to name a few are contrary to and against God. The Bible says the sinful mind is hostile towards God. Does anybody get what I am saying yet? A Christian has nothing to prove to anyone but is compelled to share the gospel with everyone. Why die when you can live? And as for the lie of separation between church and state, there never has been. Read the second amendment in its entirety, not just the first half. Again, look into the history and seek the truth and you will find: God is mentioned in the Declaration of Independence no less than three times, the founding fathers were Christians and knew scripture. The Holy Bible was interwoven into the early congresses and deliberations of the early supreme courts of this nation. People who continue to pipe this lie are ignorant and willfully so -- woe to them.

The basic problem undermining all of this: complacency, mediocrity, sensuality, pleasure seeking and a general it's all about me mentality. And though it has been corrupting us for some time as a nation, I believe the truth will set us free and the truth is ever so slowly working itself back into the limelight. Of course, it's up to you isn't it? I mean, why do you believe what you believe? I know why I believe what I believe. See the truth and the truth shall...

JOHN S. LYTLE
West Sacramento

In support of Lenzi

I support Pat Lenzi for district attorney of Yolo County. As a mother who raised two boys, I know the long hours and hard work involved in raising a family. At the same time, she worked outside the home, raised a family of three children, attended college and managed to get outstanding grades. While still raising a family she attended one of the most academically rigorous law schools in the country -- the University of California at Berkeley (Boalt Hall). She earned academic honors, including the Prosser Award for Advanced Criminal Law. She was also editor in chief of the Industrial Relations Law Journal for two years.

Pat currently works as a Yolo County district attorney. She is a prosecutor in child molestation cases. I have talked to people who are familiar with her work. I have been told that as a prosecutor, Pat is peerless.

Perhaps Marc Klass, victims' rights advocate, said it best: "I know Pat Lenzi. She has been involved in crime victims' issues for over a decade. I know her devotion to children and compassion for them in the courts. I am 100% behind her. I strongly support her bid for district attorney of Yolo County. I can think of no better person to lead that office."

JOYCE TRUJILLO
Davis

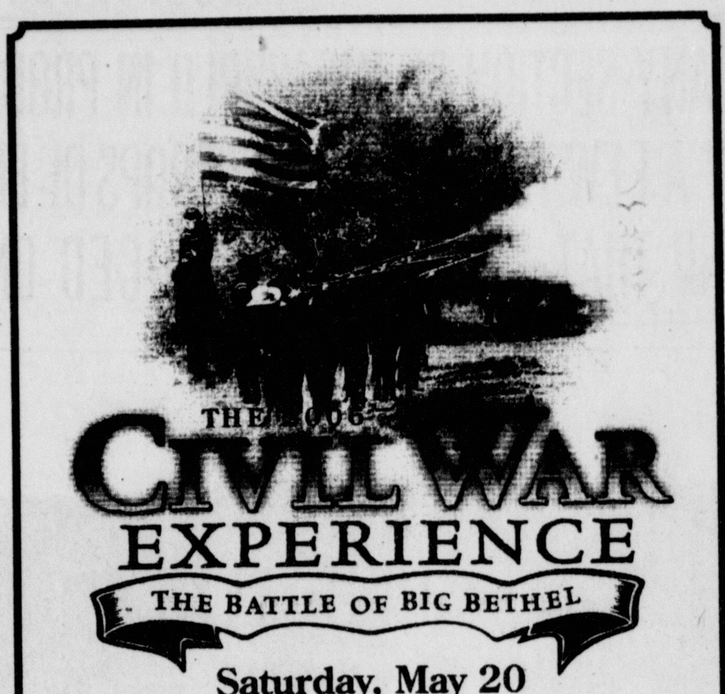
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The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give to others.
—Author Unknown

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No one wants advice—only corroboration.
—John Steinbeck, "The Winter of Our Discontent"

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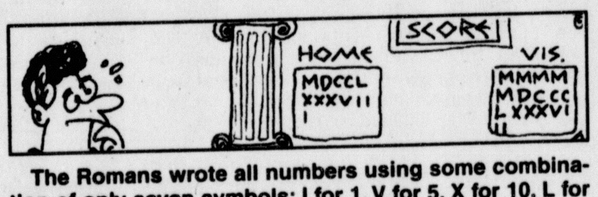
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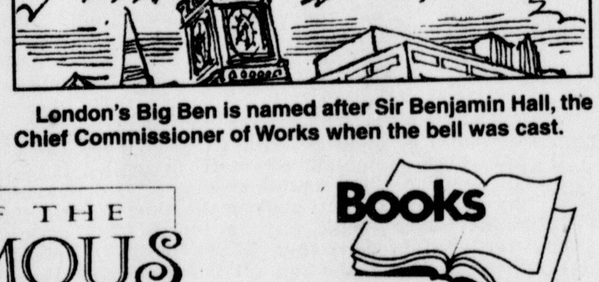
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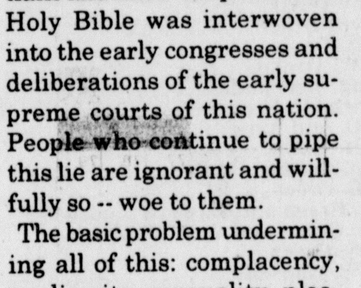
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Fave Foods OF THE FAMOUS

by Steven Austin



Phyllis George

For stunning Phyllis George, becoming Miss America in 1971 was just the beginning of an amazing life in the public eye. You remember her as the former first lady of Kentucky, and TV host for "Candid Camera" and NFL football. She's a mother, role model, actress, author, entrepreneur and award-winning humanitarian. In addition to her extensive work with charities, Ms. George serves on the Board of Miss America. Look for her new line of beauty products. For more information, log on to: www.phyllisgeorgebeauty.com and www.hsn.com

How has your diet changed since your pageant days?

"I don't like the word 'diet,' and prefer to say my eating represents a health maintenance program. I'm basically low-carb, but balance things with fresh fruits, vegetables and my handful of almonds every day. I'll even enjoy an occasional slice of pizza as a treat. My nutritionist, Jordan Carroll, is wonderful and always helps to keep me on the right track. But I have to admit that french fries still remain one of my very favorite food items ever!"

What was the menu behind-the-scenes at the Miss America pageant?

"During the week of competition, each day had a different menu. The contestants would eat in a big hall. One day the food might have a Mexican theme. The next day might feature a variety of delicious salads. I didn't think I had a chance to win the swimsuit competition, which was held in the evening. So that afternoon I went out and had a big steak and a giant baked potato for lunch. But I won it anyway, so I guess the calories didn't have time to get to my hips!"

How about a caper from "Candid Camera"?

"Well, Allen Funt was the show's creator, and he was a genius. But back in those days of television we did things you could never get away with today. For instance, we had one segment where we loaded a man's hamburger with so much pepper that he almost choked when he took a bite. Sure, there are crazy shows now where people eat wild stuff, but it's not a surprise. I had a great time as the show's co-host."

What changes did you make in the kitchen of the governor's mansion when you became the first lady of Kentucky?

"I brought a bit of cosmopolitan flair to the kitchen. Yes, we still loved cheese grits and corn pudding, as did so many of our visitors. But I added dishes that were a bit more involved and could be enjoyed with a nice wine."

Can you give us a food-related beauty secret?

"I have a couple. First, if you take some egg whites and beat them, it makes a great facial mask that closes the pores. Also, when dining or relaxing, I will dip my finger in my water glass and wipe it below my eye to keep the skin moisturized. And one more water tip: At night, rub an ice cube below the eyes to reduce puffiness. I also like to use olive oil on my cuticles. It keeps them moisturized and helps prevent them from getting dry and cracked."

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HOT CHICKEN SALAD

- *4 cups chicken breasts*
- *2 cans cream of chicken soup*
- *2 cups chopped celery*
- *1 cup plain slivered almonds*
- *1 teaspoon salt*
- *1 teaspoon pepper*
- *1 cup mayonnaise*
- *2 cans water chestnuts*
- *1 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese*
- *2 cups potato chips*

Cook chicken in salt water until done, and chop into bite-sized pieces. Combine all ingredients except potato chips in a large casserole dish. Crumble potato chips and sprinkle on top. Bake at 350 F until hot and bubbly, about 45 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Books

Anatomy of a Secret Life: The Psychology of Living a Lie
by Gail Saltz, M.D.
(Morgan Road Books, $22.95)
Reviewed by Larry Cox

A traveling salesman who brings a prostitute back to his room, a wealthy woman who is arrested for shoplifting, a writer who plagiarizes, and a seemingly happily married man who cruises gay clubs all have something in common. They lead double lives, a deeply ingrained but poorly understood psychological drive.

In her fascinating new book, Dr. Gail Saltz explores the impulse to create and nurture alter egos. Saltz, "Today" show psychiatrist and a frequent guest on "Oprah," documents how a secret life starts, where it gets out of hand, and why it will almost always eventually be revealed. In underscoring her points, she examines the public and private lives of such people as Charles Lindbergh, a national hero who maintained two-plus clandestine families; Tchaikovsky, who committed suicide following the end of a messy trial involving his homosexuality; and an array of sociopathic killers including Scott Peterson, the BTK killer and Ted Bundy.

But Dr. Saltz also points out that while secrets sometimes can destroy a family and ruin the capacity for intimacy, assuming a different identity can be healthy and tremendously liberating. She cites such examples as people who reinvent themselves when they relocate to a new city, or establish a pseudonym for an Internet chat room. Secrets can grow and fester, however, triggering devastating emotional, social and familial consequences.

"Anatomy of a Secret Life" is based on the latest research and is the definitive work on how secret lives are formed, lived, justified and exposed. Dr. Saltz's psychoanalytic study of this engrossing and potentially dangerous phenomenon can help us all to better understand the intricacies of being human.

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Thousands of years ago, cats were worshiped as gods. Cats have never forgotten this.
—Anonymous

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A dog is the only thing on earth that will love you more than you love yourself.
—Josh Billings

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Comfort foods

Made fast and healthy

by JoAnna M. Lund

It's Strawberry Season!

The word "strawberry" says it all.

STRAWBERRY CHIFFON PIE

- *2 cups fresh whole strawberries*
- *Sugar substitute to equal 1/2 cup sugar*
- *2 tablespoons cold water*
- *1 (4-serving) package sugar-free strawberry gelatin*
- *1/4 cup boiling water*
- *1 cup reduced calorie whipped topping*
- *1 (6-ounce) purchased shortbread pie crust*

Reserve 4 whole strawberries. Chop remaining strawberries. In blender container, combine sliced strawberries, sugar substitute and cold water. Cover and process on BLEND for 15 seconds. In large bowl, combine dry gelatin and boiling water. Mix well to dissolve gelatin. Add gelatin mixture to strawberries in blender. Cover and process on BLEND for 10 seconds. Pour mixture back into bowl. Refrigerate for 30 minutes. Add whipped topping. Mix well to combine. Carefully pour mixture into pie crust. Cut reserved 4 strawberries in half and use to garnish top of pie. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Cut into 8 servings.

• Each serving equals: 153 calories, 5g fat, 2g protein, 25g carb., 103mg sodium, 2g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 1 1/2 Starch/Carbo, 1/2 Fat.

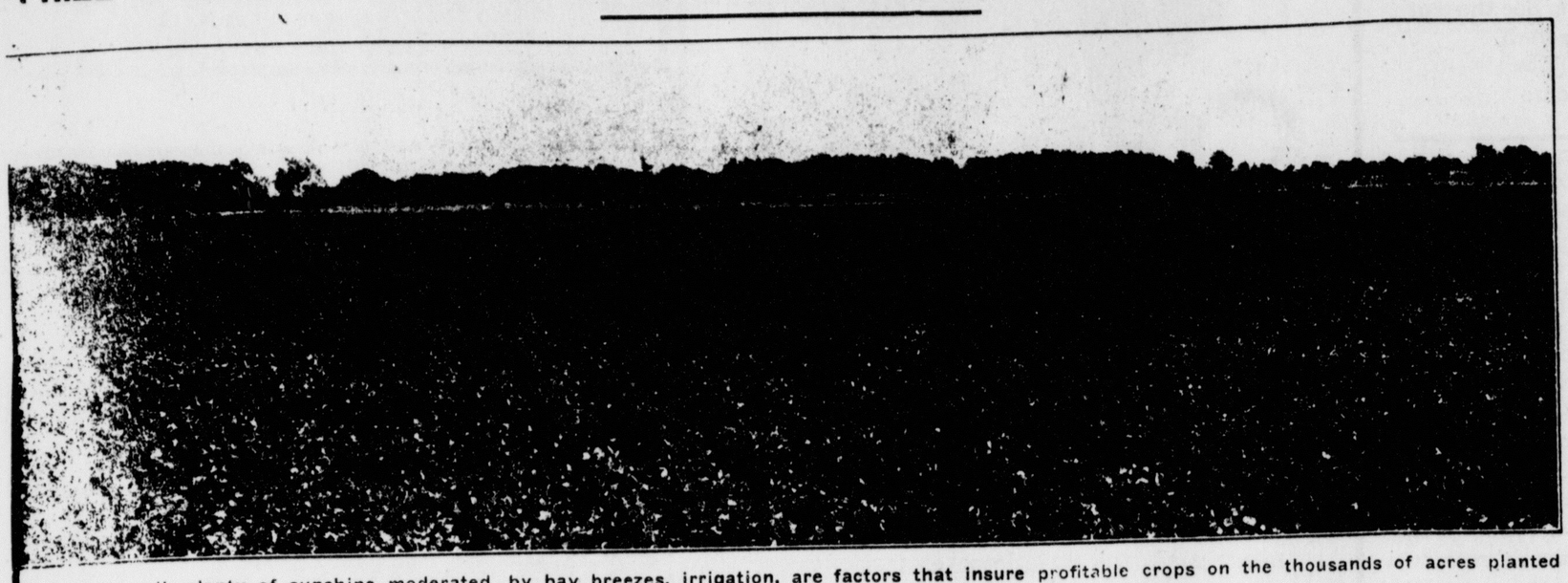
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PAGE FROM THE PAST

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1923. INDEPENDENT-LEADER

OLLAND DISTRICT PROMISES TO EXCEL ANY SECTION OF THE WORLD IN PRODUCTION; CULTIVATION HAS BEEN STARTED ONLY A FEW YEARS YET TODAY CROPS OF ENORMOUS PRIZE ARE BEING PRODUCED ON LAND THAT FOR YEARS PRODUCED ONLY TULES



h ... soil, plenty of sunshine moderated by bay breezes, irrigation, are factors that insure profitable crops on the thousands of acres planted about Clarksburg.

...d from a sea of water that ...ed the land for six months of ... and only a few years ago, ... Holland Land District of Yolo ... otherwise known as the ... lands, promises now to pro... actual wealth, acre for ... the gold mines of the State ... in their palmiest days.

"...tely unbelieveable" is the ... might be applied to the dis... now stands as in campari... what it was a few years ago ... reclamation saved it from an ... inundation that had existed ... over a hundred years.

... of water there is even now in ... Holland District of Yolo County, ... every drop of that water is under ...ntrol. Every ditch is filled, or half ...lled, or dry, as the land owners de... it, or require it.

Not more than twenty-four inches ...om the surface water can be found, ...ater for sub-irrigation that grows ...ops in such abundance that the ...easure has never yet been equalled, ...en in the fertile valley of the Nile.

Through the courtesy of one of the ...rge property owners in the Nether...nds, or Holland District, the writer ...aveled up and down the district all ... last Monday and spent an entire ...y viewing what might be termed a ...rden of production.

Jesse H. Cave, formerly a store...eeper at Clarksburg, is now one of ...e proud possessors of 150 acres of ...nd in the district. He is proud of ...s acquisition and he is destined to ...ke life easy in his old age, for a ...ing can be made by any family, a ...od living, on 20 acres, or even less, ... Holland Land Company soil.

A peculiar feature of the district is ...at those who bought the land were ...ose who knew most about it, while ... strangers there are few, and a ...ighborhood has been built up of those who have been neighbors for years in the past.

Verily, it was those who knew the land who bought most, for they knew there could be no such thing as failure on soil so rich as that of the Holland District.

It would be impossible in this article to go into details regarding the district. Suffice it to describe the case of Cave and his partner, Jim Patterson, the hatter, of Sacramento.

Both bought 150 acres of land when the district was opened. They started immediately to plant asparagus and now, after four years of ownership, they have 100 acres of "grass" three years old and producing heavily.

Of their tract of 300 acres, 40 acres of "grass" is two years old and producing and 30 acres are but one year old and just starting to produce, while 130 acres are being planted this year.

Of the producing portion they expect to harvest this spring not less than 20,000 boxes, which is now being shipped mostly to Los Angeles in refrigerator cars under ice at the rate of a carload every other day.

This "grass" is being sold at a rate of 7½ cents per pound and may bring as high as 9 cents per pound later on.

These men harvest their "grass" green, because in some sections asparagus is liked better in the green state than in the white state. All the difference is that the green "grass" is allowed a few days more time to grow than the white "grass." White "grass" is cut as soon as it peeps just above the earth.

"Grass" is cut with a little tool in the shape of a spade with a broad, sharp nose, weighing not more than half a pound. The cutter seeing the "grass" aims to cut underneath the ground about eight or ten inches. After cutting, asparagus is not permitted to rest in the sun. It is taken immediately to the packing house on a sled drawn by a couple of horses and immediately placed in boxes for shipping. To keep it in a moist condition the cut ends are placed on wet moss so that the "grass" does not shrink while on the road.

Many other farmers in the district are now cutting "grass" also, some green and some white, just according to the market in which they expect to dispose of their goods.

By those having a thorough acquaintance with asparagus, the green "grass" is much preferred, although many people like the white "grass" better.

Practically all the "grass" grown in the United States is grown in California, and in all not more than 15,000 acres are devoted to its production. That acreage is being somewhat increased at the present time in the Holland District, but in other sections of the delta district where "grass" has been grown for several years past the acreage is being reduced so that it is estimated that at no time in the future can there be more than 20,000 acres of growing asparagus, yet the demand for the article is continually on the increase.

Before the war an average price was 3 cents per pound, but now canners are glad to get it for 4, 5 and 6 cents per pound.

To grow asparagus, the land must be thoroughly cultivated and, in addition, must be rich in fertilization. During years a growth of tules and a deposit of silt from overflowing water left the Holland District an ideal place for the production of this succulent crop.

But asparagus is not the only crop that grows in profusion in the Holland District. Barley is so productive and grows in such profusion that frequently it is difficult to harvest the crop. It is not unusual for farmers in the Holland District to take off between sixty and sixty-five sacks of barley to the acre. Now, however, more remunerative crops are being planted in the district, such as asparagus, beans, seeds, onions, vegetables and fruits.

Beans are produced all through the Holland District with an average profit.



Heavy growth of leek seed under irrigation near Clarksburg—a typical scene along the shores of the generous Sacramento River.

rounded by water, practically an island. On the east, the Sacramento River runs along twenty-two miles of levee. On the west Elk Slough is navigable for boats to convey the products to market.

At Clarksburg, the center of the district and where the headquarters of the Holland Land Company are located there is a large wharf for loading and unloading boats. From this wharf every day are taken vast quantities of produce grown on the tract and here, too, are landed vast quantities of material used in building homes, barns and packing houses. Here, also, are landed great quantities of agricultural implements used by the farmers of the district.

The townsite of Clarksburg, consisting of sixty acres, has been laid out and lots have been sold for future homes. A magnificent park has been laid out and is now being maintained by the Holland Land Company, and Pat Ryan, the genial gardener, has a wealth of floral beauty, brought to perfection with unceasing labor in that park.

A splendid grammar school is now more than half completed within the townsite. This school consists of six large rooms that will be needed very soon in the district, although up to the present time, or until the district was reclaimed, a two-room school was all that was necessary to accommodate the children of the neighborhood.

It is not one section of the Holland District that is fertile and productive. Every acre of the 26,000 acres is of similar quality, but while all of it is not asparagus land, every acre of it is suitable to produce crops of some kind that cannot be equalled in many other sections of the globe.

As proof of the assertion that those who know the district best were those who bought most, a list of names is given below showing confirmation.

A movement is now on foot to build concrete roads through the district. There is one disadvantage under which the farmers labor and that is the road question. During winter rains the roads are soft and frequently impassable. That is only natural in a land that is capable of so much production.

It is the intention of the land owners in the district to bond themselves in the amount of $750,000 for the building of permanent roads so that at any time of the year they may harvest their crops.

Clarksburg is but nine miles from Sacramento. It stands in the center of the district and on the edge of the Sacramento River where there is ample t...nsportation for all crops produced b... he farmers.

The ... of land owners may be found in the accompanying column.

Rev. Dr. Rader says, "The Protestant Church is the greatest institution in the United States."

Which one?

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Some men are foolish.
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RESULTS are the bes... buyers of the high-y... the Holland Land tract—fi... from Sacramento. Note t... bors. They knew what th... knew what the company ... roster of satisfied purchas... judgment with their dollar

Name

J. H. Aldrich.....
Frank W. Benedix.....
Grace E. Benedix.....
Al Bielefeld.....
L. J. and Lucinda M. Blake...
Charles S. Brooks.....
W. M. Brown.....
I. E. Carper, Estate of Barney Lanteri, and J. E. Evans...
G. S. Case.....
Clara A. Cave.....
Grace L. Cave.....
J. H. Cave.....
J. H. Cave and Jas. H. Patterso...
L. H. Church.....
Peter Cook, Jr. and Sr.....
S. F. Coster.....
E. R. Crum.....
J. E. Curtis and C. M. Rood...
Tony Davis.....
David Diller.....
J. P. Doyle.....
C. W. Drake.....
King Fernandes.....
George C. Francis.....
G. O. and Agnes P. Fraser....
P. H. Gaffney.....
Wm. Geithle.....
B. B. Green.....
Jos. Green and Edward Hudso...
Jos. Green and C. P. McLaugh...
N. S. Green.....
A. W. Hansen.....
H. F. Hapgood.....
R. S. Harcourt.....
A. C. Harley.....
Y. J. Harley.....
J. A. Hays.....
John F. and Stephen F. Herir...
Tena Hinsdale.....
Geo. J. Hollenbeck.....
J. W. and Mary J. Hollenbeck...
Clarence E. Holmes.....
Lester J. Holmes.....
Crutcher Huntley.....
L. Huntley.....
Jos.E.Huntoon-Dr.Gustave Wi...
Estate of Edward Keagy.....
Elbert M. Kercheval.....
Howard G. and R. B. Kerchev...
Anna V. King.....
C. E. King.....
Floyd King.....
Frank S. King.....
Geo. R. Knowles.....
N. U. and Ermal C. Lawlor...
J. G. Leathers.....
De Loss W. Lee.....
Ardenia Hinsdale Leming....
H. A. Lewis and A. C. Huelsma...
Walter W. Lueders.....
George and Victor Lund.....
J. C. Marshall.....
Charles J. Mathews-P. A. Webb...
Otto A. and Minnie McFarlane...
C. E. McLaughlin.....
R. E. Merwin.....
M. A. Monez.....
John Morgan.....
C. C. Morse and Co.....
Nathaniel H. and Mary G. Mori...
W. W. Murphy.....
John F. and Manuel Nevis....
Gus Olson.....
A. J. Ottem.....
K. F. Paffrath.....
I. B. Parsons.....
Jas. H. Patterson.....
Dr. Hugh E. Penland.....
Percy L. Pettigrew et al.....
Geo. G. Pollock.....
J. L. Ricketts.....
Sacramento Farming Co.....
Jos. J. Scott.....
H. D. and Agnes Sherman....
John F. Silva.....
J. F. Silva and Mrs. M. J. Morro...
Irving H. and Lucile M. Smith...
V. P. Snow et al.....
Manuel Soto.....
D. A. and H. K. Stewart.....
W. A. Stewart.....
H. E. Stovall and J. A. Sims....
B. A. Swartz.....
T. W. Todd.....
John Valine.....
H. A. Wadsworth.....
F. C. Warren, Burt Warren and G. W. Richards.....
Harvey Warren .....
Fred Webber and John Ginocc...
J. H. Webber.....
R. E. Webber.....
G. W. Wetherbee.....
R. C. Wilcox.....
G. H. Wilson.....
Geo. R. Wilson.....
F. L. Wulff.....
F. M. H. Wulff.....
H. B. Wulff.....
Ramona E. Wulff.....
E. C. Zacharias.....
H. Zimmerman and F. P. Basle...
N. M. and May Helen Zoph.....
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A bird does not sing because it has an answer. It sings because it has a song.

—Chinese Proverb

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HOMES FOR SALE

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ONE-ACRE LOT, DAVIS ROAD: Looking for that special piece of land to build your Dream Home, want some space between you & ycur neighbor or just hold for investment? Look no further, 1.1 acre residential lot on Davis Road, in an area of $700K to $1.5M homes for $348,800. This will make a beautiful country estate that is close to freeway & downtown. Flat level grassy lot just waiting for your building plans. Call for directions. JOHN KANE, 'Your West Sacramento Specialist,' (916) 373-5300, Parkside Property in West Sacramento.

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PERFECT STARTER HOME! 2 bdrm, 1 bath manufactured home on premium lot, fresh paint, storage shed, only minutes from downtown. Cook Realty - Tina Sevilla, agent, 916-606-9507.

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PERFECT PRICE! 3 bdrm/2 bath home at Westwind Estates - 1399 Sacramento Ave #61 offered at $74,950. New model is almost 1300sf & features a chef's sink with bar, separate dining rm, great room concept, master bath features sunken tub with separate shower, indoor laundry & utility rm is a plus, ceiling fans in every rm, and storage shed. Park features pool, spa & clubhouse. Close to schools & downtown. Cook Realty - Tina Sevilla, agent, 916-606-9507.

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UPDATED 2-3 bdrm/2 bath home in Bryte. Lots of designer upgrades including new tile roof, dual pane windows, laminate floors, beautifully remodeled kitchen w/new cabinets & appliances, w/large yard. Offered at $299,000. Cook Realty - agents Tina Seville, 916-606-9507 or Susie Kuwabara 768-8494.

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(916) 849-8028, George or Leslie.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
June 1, 2006

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, June 1, 2006, at West Sacramento Civic Center, City Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

No items at this time.

REGULAR AGENDA

Flex Trim Inc. Business License Appeal (Colasanti)

The appellant is appealing staff's denial of business license application #10454, Flex Trim Inc. The business license proposes to locate a Manufacturing use at 545 Jefferson Boulevard (APN 10-320-76). The property is zoned C-3, General Commercial; Inert Materials Manufacturing/ Finished Goods Assembly are not permitted in the C-3 zone. Denial of this business license is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Section 15270 (Projects which are Disapproved) of the CEQA Guidelines. APPELLANT: Yolonda Henry, P.O. Box 2260, Redlands, CA 92373

Public Workshop on Underground Installation of Overhead Utilities (Powderly)

The Planning Commission has requested information regarding the underground installation of overhead utilities. Staff will present the policy, history, benefits, and challenges of underground installation of overhead utilities.

Planning Commission Workshop on River Park Draft Environmental Impact Report (Tilley)

This item is a public workshop on the draft environmental impact report for the proposed River Park project. The Project would modify the planned development of the Southeast Village. The area is currently planned for residential development ranging from low to high densities, neighborhood commercial, WRC, elementary school, open space, and parkland uses. The Project would amend the current land use designations to support development of approximately 2,788 residential units (including rural residential, low-, medium-, and high-density offerings), a ±40-acre regional park, and community open-space areas.

The Project would represent an increase of approximately 900 residential units compared to what was considered by the Southport Framework Plan. The Project also includes changes to the General Plan and the Zoning Map (West Sacramento Municipal Code, Title 17) to generally increase residential densities and add recreational opportunities. A large lot tentative map and planned development standards are also proposed. The public comment period on the draft EIR runs through June 26, 2006. APPLICANT/OWNER: Todd Chambers, Richland Planned Communities, 2220 Douglas Boulevard, Suite 290, Roseville, CA 95670

Continued Public Hearing on Proposed Landmark Lofts Conditional Use Permit, Variance, Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map, and Zoning Administrator Approval of Alternative Parking Standards (Tilley)

The proposed Landmark Lofts project would be located at 1731-1801 West Capitol Avenue and consist of 60 residential condominium units and two commercial condominiums. Four story elements would be located along West Capitol Avenue with three story buildings located in the interior of the site and long Merkley Avenue. A vesting tentative subdivision map (for condominium purposes), conditional use permit, and a variance for setbacks on West Capitol and Merkley Avenues are requested by the subdivider. Zoning Administrator approval of alternative parking standards is also requested. The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 (In-fill Development) of the CEQA Guidelines. The Planning Commission will take final action on this project unless appealed to the City Council. APPLICANT: Sequoia Standard, LLC, 601 Parkcenter Drive #101, Santa Ana, CA 92705. OWNER: City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Public Hearing on Proposed Tempo Square Tentative Subdivision Map No. 4823, Conditional Use Permit, and Planned Development Permit (Tilley)

The proposed Tempo Square residential development proposed for 2670-2690 Higgins Road (APNs 45-280-15, -16, -17). The project would consist of 21 detached single family homes that would be rear-loaded and served by a private interior drive. Proposed lots 1-11 would front on Bethel Way to the north and lots 12-21 would front on Higgins Road. Garage access for all units would be from the interior private drive. Each home would have a two-car garage. Nine on-site guest parking spaces would be provide along the interior drive. An additional fifteen on-street parking spaces would be provided on the north side of Higgins Road. A ten-foot wide canal easement along the westerly property line is proposed to be abandoned. Design guidelines are also proposed by the subdivider. APPLICANT/OWNER: LJ Urban, LLC, 2510 J Street, Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95816.

Planning Commission Hearing on Proposed Updates to the City's Off-Street Parking & Loading Standards (Rikala/Tilley)

This item is a public hearing on proposed new residential parking standards for the City of West Sacramento. Under the proposed changes, the City would be divided into three distinct districts where residential parking standards would be applied differently. Proposed districts are Urban, Infill, and Suburban. New and revised parking standards for residential uses are also proposed. Additional changes are proposed to add new standards, modify compact stall sizes and quantities, and other miscellaneous changes. Ultimately the new standards would be incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance upon approval of an ordinance by the City Council. The project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations) of the CEQA Guidelines. APPLICANT: City of West Sacramento, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Steve Rikala, Secretary
West Sacramento Planning Commission

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works & Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California until **10:00 a.m. local time on Thursday June 1, 2006**, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the:

2006-2007 MEASURE 'K'
ANNUAL SLURRY SEAL CONTRACT

The proposed work consists of the following:

Description of Work: The project involves slurry seal of designated streets, including the removal of existing and replacement of new roadway traffic stripes, pavement markings and pavement markers as indicated on the striping plans, schedules and as directed by the Engineer throughout the City.

Completion of Work: All work shall be completed within **Thirty (30) Working Days** from the date designated in the Notice to Proceed.

Obtaining Contract Documents: Slurry seal plans, schedules and specifications may be examined at the office of the Director of Public Works & Community Development, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd floor, West Sacramento, California. A copy of bid documents may be obtained at the office upon request and payment of $25.00 or may be mailed upon request and payment of $30.00. The amount of the payment is non-refundable.

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INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Public Contractors Code, the City of West Sacramento is soliciting bids for the publication of legal notices for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Respondents must be a newspaper of general circula-tion and published locally. The Legal Notice Bid Form, available from the office of the City Clerk, must be filled out in its entirety, sealed in an envelope clearly marked "Publication Bid" and received in the office of the City Clerk, 1110 West Capitol Ave., 3rd Floor, West Sacramento, CA by 12:00 noon on May 30, 2006. Substantiating information must also be included in the same envelope. The City of West Sacramento reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 11, 2006
File No. 2006-403

The following person is doing business as Serve, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

Kelly Jean Carpenter, 3720 Los Cerros Place, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on .

/s/Kelly Carpenter

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of the original document on file in this office. This certification is true as long as there are no alterations to the document, AND as long as the document is sealed with a red seal.

State of California
County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 11, 2006
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

Apr 26 May 17

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF
Rene William Heon
CASE NUMBER PB06-114

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of Rene William Heon:

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Denis A. Doyle & Claire Soczek in the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Denis A. Doyle & Claire Soczek be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on June 6, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. 11, Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, 812 Court St., Woodland, CA 95695.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the deceased, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a "Request for Special Notice" (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A "Request for Special Notice" form is available from the court clerk.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 17, 2006
File No. 2006-423

The following person is doing business as Document Fulfillment Group, 910 Riverside Parkway, #40, West Sacramento CA 95691:

Document Fulfillment Service Inc., 910 Riverside Parkway, #40, West Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/1/05.

/s/Eric Bambury, President
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Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: Apr 17, 2006
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 6, 2006
File No. 2006-383

The following person is doing business as Lucent Realty; Lucent Funding, 3755 Castaic Ct., West Sacramento CA 95691:

Universal Realty Group, Inc., 101 Convention Center Drive, Suite 700, Las Vegas NV 89109.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

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/s/Maylyn A. Tran
President
University Realty Group

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Mar 10, 2006
File No. 2006-270

The following person is doing business as Clarksburg Storage, 52930 Clarksburg Rd., Clarksburg CA 95612:

John Perez & Sons, PO Box 525, Clarksburg CA 95612.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 3/10/06.

/s/John Perez, President
John Perez & Sons

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In the Matters of
QUINTON WILSON, NO. JV-05-00505
SHAMARA WILSON, NO. JV-05-00506
SAMARA WILSON, NO. JV-05-00507
SAVANNAH WILSON, NO. JV-05-00508
Minors.

CITATION

TO: All Persons Claiming to be the Father.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED AND REQUIRED TO APPEAR at a hearing in Yolo County Juvenile Court, located at 725 Court Street, Woodland, California, 95695, on July 12, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in Department 11 (Department 11 is located at 812 Court Street, Woodland, California 95695). At the hearing, the Court will decide whether to permanently terminate your parental rights over the above-named minor children born to Tara Douglas, Quinton Wilson on June 8, 1997; Shamara Wilson on November 8, 2003; Samara Wilson on November 8, 2003; and Savannah Wilson on December 1, 2005. If you wish to be represented by an attorney and are unable to afford one, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.

Dated: 5/4/06
JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE COURT

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 26, 2006
File No. 2006-451

The following person is doing business as Sacramento Loan Processing, 3666 Cooper Island Rd., W. Sacramento CA 95691:

Comfina, Inc. 3666 Cooper Island Rd., W. Sacramento CA 95691.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/26/06.

/s/David Lewis, CFO/Owner
Comfina Inc.

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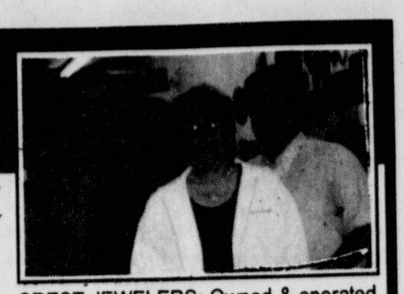
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Local Scene

Travel club

The "Adventure and Travel Club" sponsored by the city parks department will host a leisure program on England on Monday, May 22, at 6 p.m. at the Nugget Market Place, 2000 Town Center Plaza. Call 373-5819 for information.

Pancake breakfast

The West Sacramento Kiwanis Club will host a pancake breakfast from 7-11 a.m. on Saturday, May 20, at Southport Elementary School, 2747 Linden Road. The price of admission benefits programs for local kids.

Elegant kitchens

The Yolo County chapter of American Red Cross will host a "Heart of the Home Kitchen Tour" featuring kitchens and dining areas of eight different homes in the Davis, Woodland and Winters areas on Sat., May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sample gourmet food and wine will be on hand. Call (530) 662-4669 to purchase tickets with Visa or Mastercard, or for information. $25 in advance or $35 on the day of the event.

Hazardous stuff

Yolo County's landfill will host a "household waste collection day" from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, May 20. County residents may bring items such as aerosols, antifreeze, used motor oil and filters, pesticides, fluorescent bulbs, poisons and paints for disposal. For more information, visit www.yolocounty.org/recycle or call (530) 666-8729. Items that are reusable (paint, cleaners, etc.) will be given away free from 9-11 a.m. on May 27.

Universal preschool

A public forum on Proposition 82, using tax money to provide universally available preschool for kids, will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Wed., May 31, at the West Sacramento Civic Center. There will be simultaneous Spanish translation. Childcare is available; pre-registration is required. Call (530) 669-2478. Sponsored by UP 4 West Sac and Yolo County Child Care Planning Council.

Grad night

A "safe and sober" grad night for the 2006 class of River City High School is scheduled for June 7, from 11 p.m. to dawn at the Collings Teen Center, 1541 Merkley Avenue. Tickets are $25 and may be purchased at the center or from the RCHS bookkeeper. There will be a DJ, Monte Carlo games, entertainment, a raffle prize, pool, basketball and more. Two $1,000 cash prizes will be given away (must be present to win). Attendees may depart the event, but if so, they may not return. Call 375-0681.

Give blood

The City of West Sacramento will host a blood drive on May 24 at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue. A Sacramento BloodSource mobile coach will be on hand from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are encouraged; walk-ins will be accommodated when scheduling permits. Call Kryss Rankin, 617-4500.

Artist's work

Paintings and folk art by Jeff Palmer are on exhibit at Southport Coffee, 1350 Harbor Blvd., through June 3.

History docents

The West Sacramento Historical Society & Museum will host a workshop for docents interested in handling artifacts and acquisitions from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 20. If you are interested in attending, call 374-1849 and leave your name and phone number. The society's general meeting is scheduled for May 23, with a program from senior state archaeologist John Foster on "Gold Rush Ships on the Sacramento River" to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Food giveaway

The Food Bank of Yolo County will give away food to eligible West Sacramento and Clarksburg residents on May 16 at the Community Lutheran Church in West Sacramento from 10:30-11:15 a.m.; and at the Yolo Housing Authority from 11-noon at 685 Lighthouse Drive; from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the Clarksburg Firehouse on May 22; and from 9-11 am. On May 23 at the county building, 500 Jefferson Blvd., in West Sacramento. Please bring a bag. For eligibility information, call (530) 668-0690.

Book sale

The West Sacramento Friends of the Library will hold a book sale June 3-4 with Saturday's hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday's hours from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1212 Merkley Avenue. Donations of clean gently-used books are accepted at the library throughout the year during business hours. Please, no more than three bags or boxes at one time. Call 375-6465 for information.

Outstanding women

Join Soroptimist International of West Sacramento at its awards banquet May 23 beginning at 5:30 p.m. (dinner at 6:30). The celebration will be held at VFW Post 8762, 905 Drever Street. Cost is $15 for adults and $10 for children 10 under 15 (or two dollars more at the door). Please make reservations by May 16. Call Jeri Wingfield, 371-7678, for information.

River Cats

The River City Baseball Booster Club ("Cat Pack") invites baseball fans to attend a dinner meeting on Tuesday, May 23, at Chevy's on the Garden Highway. Guest speaker will be River Cats all-star pitcher Victor Moreno, who will also be available for autographs and photographs. Advance reservation is required. Call 371-5420. For more information on the booster club, visit www.rivercatsboosters.com.

Free sports

Boys and girls age 10-16 are eligible to attend the free National Youth Sports program held at UC Davis, including swimming, basketball, tennis, soccer, fencing and an introduction to college life. The West Sacramento Parks Department will provide transportation. Limited to 50 students. Call the parks department, 617-4620.

Jazz!

The 'Syncopating Sea Monkeys' jazz band of River City High School will play at an event also featuring dancing, a silent auction and refreshments, from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, May 20, at the Collings West Sacramento Teen Center. Tickets are $15 and proceeds benefit the band. Call Band Director Felicia Alleger, 375-7800 ext. 340.

Free trees

The City of West Sacramento will host free shade tree workshops at the civic center (1110 West Capitol Ave.) on Wed., May 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Attendance will qualify you to have two large 15-gallon shade trees delivered to you. Call Dena Kirtley at 617-4629.

Get shredding

If you need to shred some old documents or files for security reasons, you may bring up to five "banker's box" files to Weyerhaeuser Document Destruction & Recycling, 50 South River Road in West Sacramento, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, for a "free" shredding event. The company will shred additional boxes for $5 apiece. Call 371-4634.

Junior Giants baseball

Junior Giants Baseball is sponsored by the San Francisco Giants Commlunity Fund, and is open to boys and girls (four divisions) age 5-14. Co-ed teams play a seven-game schedule. No cost to you. Register through www.cityofwestsacramento.org (look for parks department) or visit the department at 1110 West Capitol Avenue. Online registration closes May 26 and player evaluation is May 31, with play beginning June 24. Call 617-4620 for more information.

Pre-kindergarten

Washington Unified School District will host a "kindgergarten jumpstart" program June 20 through July 19, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily at Evergreen, Elkhorn and Westfield Village elementary schools. No charge. For children who have enrolled to start kindergarten in the district and have little or no preschool experience. Fun learning activities are planned. Call 375-7620.

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